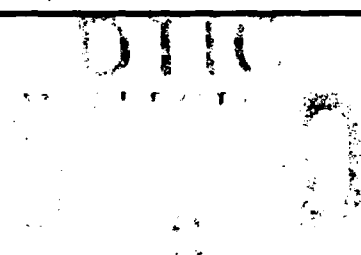


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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Measurement of the apparent laminar regression or burning rate for liquid propellants has been investigated extensively over the past forty years as documented in McBratney, Bensinger, and Arford (1976); McBratney (1981); Vosen (1989); and Lee, Tseng, and Faeth (1989). For these studies, the burning rates were deduced from strand burner or atomized spray experiments for pressures up to 100 MPa, with the majority of experiments performed at pressures below 50 MPa (McBratney, Bensinger, and Arford 1976; Vosen 1989; Lee, Tseng, and Faeth 1989). In addition, in order to moderate surface turbulence, several of the experiments were performed with "gelled" propellants, in which the neat liquid propellant was modified with additives to increase viscosity. Unfortunately, the effect of the gelling agents on the combustion chemistry and burning rate of liquid propellants is not known (Vosen 1989).

Of current interest is the liquid gun propellant LGP 1846, which is being utilized by the U.S. Army in the development of a regenerative liquid propellant gun (RLPG) for use with the next generation artillery howitzer. Klein (1990) has provided a summary of the combustion process. He explains that the HAN-based liquid propellants contain water, hydroxylammonium nitrate,  $\text{NH}_2\text{OHNO}_3$  (HAN), and the nitrate salt of an aliphatic amine (AAN). The AAN salt used in LGP 1846 is triethanolammonium nitrate,  $(\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{NHNO}_3$  (TEAN). Combustion of the HAN-based propellants is sequential. When reaction is initiated, the HAN component decomposes generating heat and various gases. The AAN is not chemically changed but is converted to fine, molten salt droplets that are dispersed in the HAN decomposition gases. Ignition is observed when the AAN droplets become involved, and reaction and their rates are such that the amount of energy released is sufficient to at least sustain the reaction sequence. Combustion, the third and final phase, accounts for the majority of the energy released by the propellant.

Figure 1, from the report by Lee, Tseng, and Faeth (1989), presents the currently known information on the burning rates for LGP 1846 and LGP 1845, a mixture containing 2% less water. Vosen (1989) attributes the increased burning rates obtained in his study to surface instabilities. Although the burning rates recorded by Lee, Tseng, Faeth, and McBratney (2% gel) are consistent, the pressure range is limited, 0.7–7 MPa for Lee et al. and

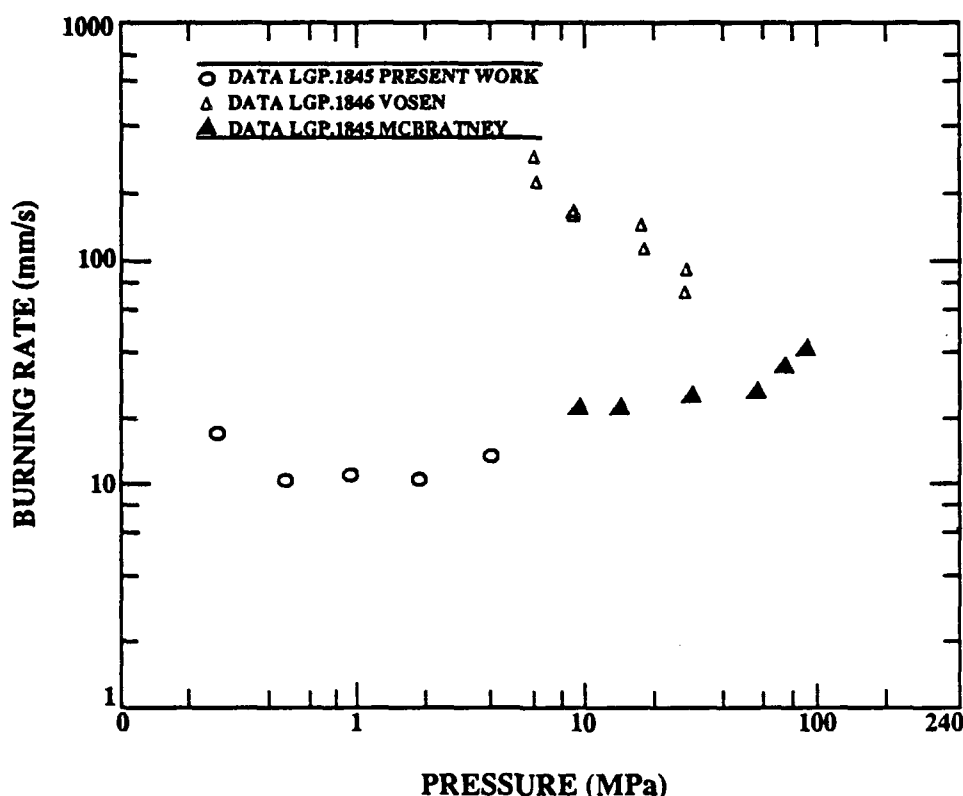


Figure 1. Apparent Burning Rates for LGP 1845 and LGP 1846 (Lee and Faeth 1989).

10–60 MPa for McBratney. Above 60 MPa, the burn rates by McBratney show a substantial increase.

The objectives of the present work are as follows: Without the addition of a "gelling" agent to the propellant (1) determine apparent laminar regression or burn rate for LGP 1846 at gun pressures, particularly in the range of 50–200 MPa; (2) determine the effect on burn rate resulting from conditioning the propellant to 60° C and -25° C; (3) determine if the sharp break in burn rate measured by McBratney at approximately 60–100 MPa for LGP 1845 is present for LGP 1846; and (4) determine the effect of using the measured burn rates in interior ballistic performance codes.



## 2. EXPERIMENTAL FIXTURE AND BURN RATE ANALYSIS

In order to obtain burn rate information for LGP 1846 at elevated pressures, a series of closed chamber experiments was performed. A schematic of the closed chamber is shown in Figure 2. Total chamber volume is  $73 \text{ cm}^3$ , and the sample holder volume is  $24.4 \text{ cm}^3$ . To prevent contamination of the liquid propellant, the sample holder is coated with silicon. The igniter is DuPont IMR 4350 packaged in cellophane with ignition initiated by an electric match. Pressure-time data are recorded on a model 2092 Nicolet oscilloscope which is connected to the closed chamber via a Kistler model 504E charge amplifier and Kistler model 607C4 pressure transducer.

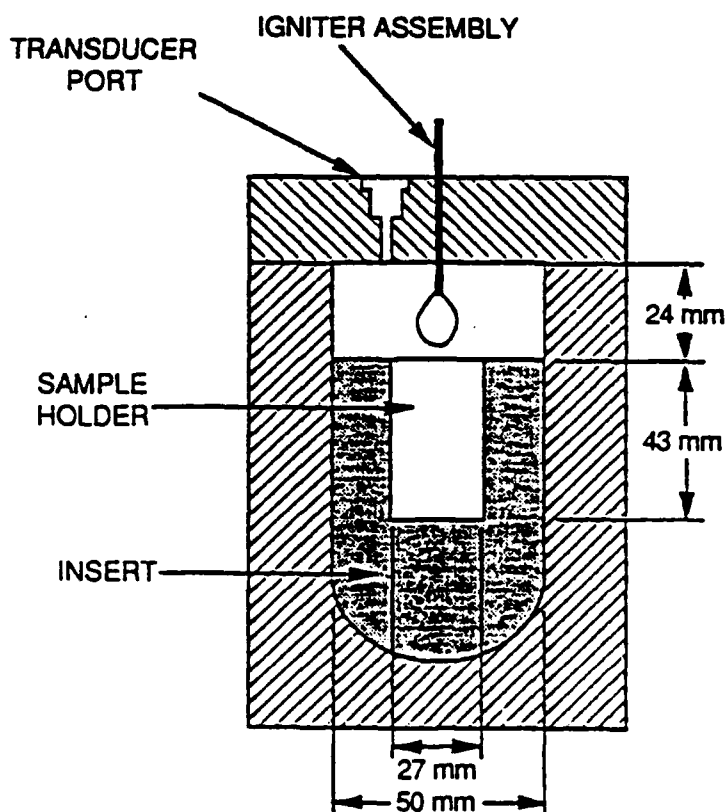


Figure 2. Closed Chamber Schematic.

The experimental closed chamber data are reduced to apparent burn rates using the BRLCB (Oberle and Kooker 1989) closed chamber data analysis program. The analysis is based upon a Nobel-Abel covolume equation-of-state,\*

$$P \left( V - \eta m - \frac{(C - m)}{\rho} \right) = \frac{R T_a}{M} m, \quad (1)$$

where  $P$  is pressure,  $V$  the free volume of the closed chamber,  $\eta$  the propellant covolume,  $m$  the mass of propellant burned,  $C$  the total propellant mass,  $\rho$  the propellant density,  $R$  the Universal Gas constant,  $M$  the propellant molecular weight, and  $T_a$  the average gas temperature. Using a thermochemical code such as BLAKE (Freedman 1982),  $\eta$  and  $M$  are calculated based upon the chemical composition of the propellant. Density,  $\rho$ , is a measurable time-independent quantity which is dependent on the propellant composition. Finally, the volume,  $V$ , and total charge mass,  $C$ , are measurable parameters for each experimental firing. Hence, Equation 1 has three undetermined quantities,  $P$ ,  $T_a$ , and  $m$ . However, conservation of energy,\*

$$m e_s - Q_w(P) = T_a m c_v, \quad (2)$$

where  $e_s$  is the specific internal energy of the propellant,  $Q_w(P)$  a heat-loss function dependent on pressure, and  $C_v$  the specific heat at constant volume, provides a second coupled equation to Equation 1. Thus, using the measured pressure at each time step, Equations 1 and 2 can be solved simultaneously for  $m$  and  $T_a$ .

Utilizing a numerical differentiation scheme, the time rate of change of the mass propellant,  $dm/dt$ , is computed for each time step. The burn rate at each time step is then computed using,

$$r = \frac{dm/dt}{\rho A}, \quad (3)$$

where  $r$  is the apparent burn rate and  $A$  the instantaneous reacting surface area which is based upon the propellant geometry. However, since a liquid has no fixed geometry, for the data reduction it is assumed that propellant burning will proceed in a cigarette fashion down the

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\*For simplicity, igniter material and air in the chamber are not included.

sample holder, Figure 2. Thus, the reacting surface area,  $A$ , for these calculation is constant and is the cross-sectional area of the sample holder.

Computed burn rates are traditionally plotted on a log-log scale as a function of pressure. A typical plot from this study is shown in Figure 3. Three distinct burn rate regions are evident—(1) a linear region up to about 100 MPa, (2) a second linear region from approximately 100 to 150 MPa, and (3) a region of sharp rise and fall in the burn rate (from point A forward). This last region is not thought to represent the actual burn rate but is a result of a "mismatch" in the amount of propellant surface area which is actually reacting vs. that which is used to compute the burn rate, Equation 3. This type of behavior in computed burn rates has been observed before in solid propellants which deconsolidate or have "in-depth" burning (Leveritt 1981).

One final comment on the burn rate calculation. As mentioned previously, the reacting surface area is assumed to be flat and equal to the cross-sectional area of the sample holder, Figure 4a. However, it is generally accepted (McBratney 1976; Vosen 1989; Leveritt 1990; and Klein 1990) that the regressing propellant surface will not be flat but undulating or turbulent as depicted in Figure 4b. If this is the case, then the actual reacting surface area will be greater than the surface area assumed in the burn rate computation, Equation 3. Therefore, since the burn rate is inversely proportional to the value of the reacting propellant surface area, the computed burn rates could be higher than the true LGP 1846 burn rates. *In this study, the computed burn rates can be higher than the actual burn rates, but not lower.*

### 3. FIRING MATRIX

A total of 29 firings were used for the study. The firings were divided into four categories with the following objectives: (1) igniter study, to determine the effect that initial pressure will have on liquid propellant burn rate; (2) loading density study, to determine if the burn rate is dependent on initial loading density (loading density is the ratio of propellant mass to chamber volume); (3) conditioned cold, to determine the effect on burn rate of liquid propellant conditioned to  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; and (4) conditioned hot, to determine the effect on burn rate of liquid propellant conditioned to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Table 1 summarizes the firing matrix.

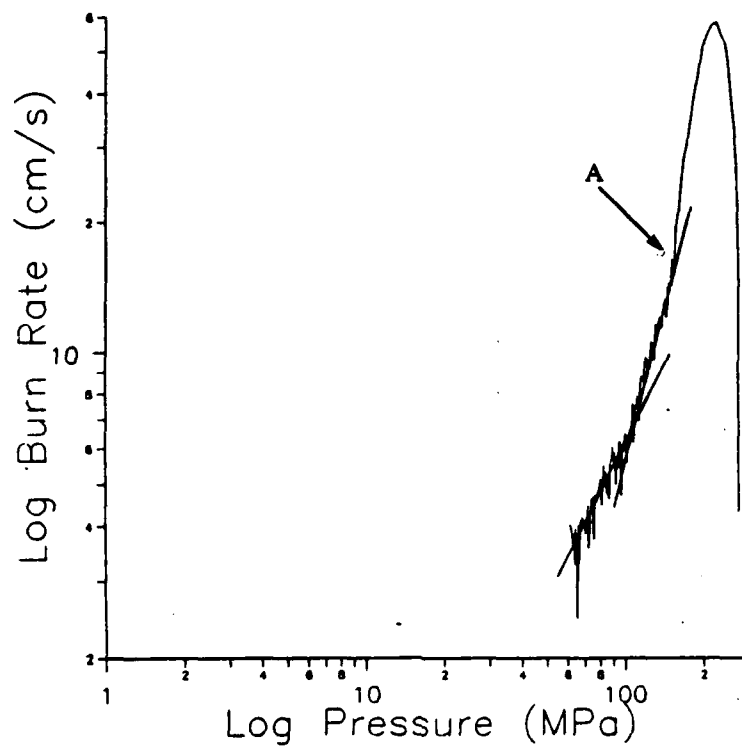


Figure 3. Typical Burn Rate vs. Pressure Plot.

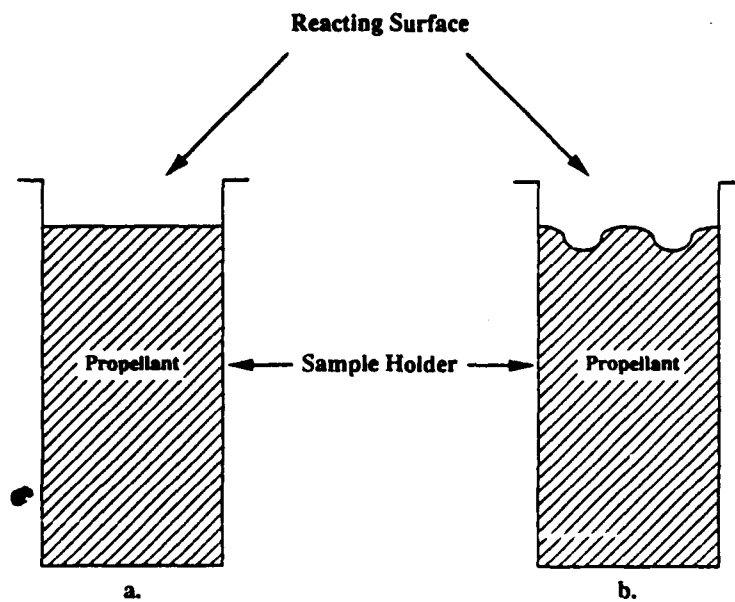


Figure 4. Schematic of Possible Propellant Reacting Surface.

Table 1. Firing Matrix

| Shot No.                          | Igniter Mass (g) | Igniter Press (MPa) | LGP Mass (g) | Loading Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Igniter Study:</u>             |                  |                     |              |                                      |
| 1                                 | 4.7              | 70                  | 16.6         | 0.23                                 |
| 2                                 | 6.8              | 105                 | 14.1         | 0.19                                 |
| 3                                 | 8.7              | 138                 | 11.7         | 0.16                                 |
| 4                                 | 10.6             | 172                 | 9.4          | 0.13                                 |
| 5                                 | 12.4             | 207                 | 7.3          | 0.10                                 |
| <u>Loading Density Study:</u>     |                  |                     |              |                                      |
| 6-9                               | 2.8              | 26                  | 11.0         | 0.15                                 |
| 10-12                             | 2.8              | 30                  | 14.6         | 0.20                                 |
| 13-15                             | 2.8              | 35                  | 18.3         | 0.25                                 |
| 16-18                             | 2.8              | 40                  | 21.9         | 0.30                                 |
| <u>Conditioned Cold (-25° C):</u> |                  |                     |              |                                      |
| 19-24                             | 2.8              | 40                  | 21.9         | 0.30                                 |
| <u>Conditioned Hot (60° C):</u>   |                  |                     |              |                                      |
| 25-29                             | 2.8              | 40                  | 21.9         | 0.30                                 |

#### 4. RESULTS

Figure 5 is the pressure-time data recorded for shot number 7 and is typical, in shape, for all firings (1-12) with a loading density for the liquid propellant of up to about 0.25 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The curve has the following three distinct regions: (1) -0.04 s to -0.006 s, where the pressure rises to about 30 MPa which is approximately the pressure due to the igniter; (2) -0.006 s to 0.04 s with a pressure rise from 30 MPa to approximately 52 MPa; and (3) 0.04 s to 0.08 s with a pressure rise from 52 MPa to 132 MPa. It is interesting to note that the time duration for the second region is slightly longer than that of region three, .046 s to .04 s, yet has a pressure rise of only 22 MPa compared to the 80 MPa for region three. Region two may be indicative of the time associated with accumulation which has been noted in modeling liquid propellant combustion (Coffee, Wren, and Morrison 1989, 1990; Coffee, Baer, Morrison, and Wren 1989). Analyses of pressure histories in liquid propellant gun firings

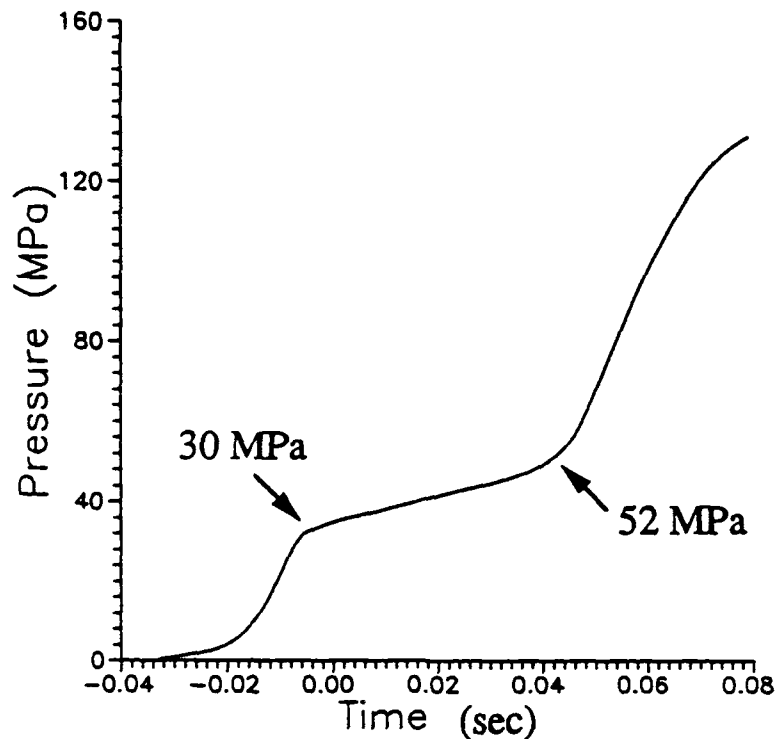


Figure 5. Pressure-Time Data, Shot No. 7.

have indicated that LGP 1846 releases only a portion of its energy during the initial pressure and temperature rise in the combustion chamber (Coffee 1986). The time associated with the transition to rapid and complete combustion has been termed the accumulation phase and is generally associated with the pressure rise to approximately 50 MPa.

Figure 6 is the calculated burn rate associated with the pressure-time curve of Figure 5. The portion of the curve between points A and B corresponds to the pressure region from approximately 52 MPa to 132 MPa. The near vertical rise in the computed burn rate between A and B is probably not indicative of the actual burn rate of LGP 1846 but indicates that a significantly larger surface area of the propellant was reacting than used in Equation 3 for the burn rate computation. This result is consistent with experimental observation for combustion of LGP 1846 at low loading densities. Klein (1991) has proposed that the sensitivity of burn rate to loading density is related to the decomposition process of the liquid propellant. A higher loading density provides a higher gas concentration from the initial HAN decomposition. The subsequent gas/liquid (AAN droplets) reaction is a function of the amount and concentration of gases in the gas phase. As mentioned previously, the pressure-time histories

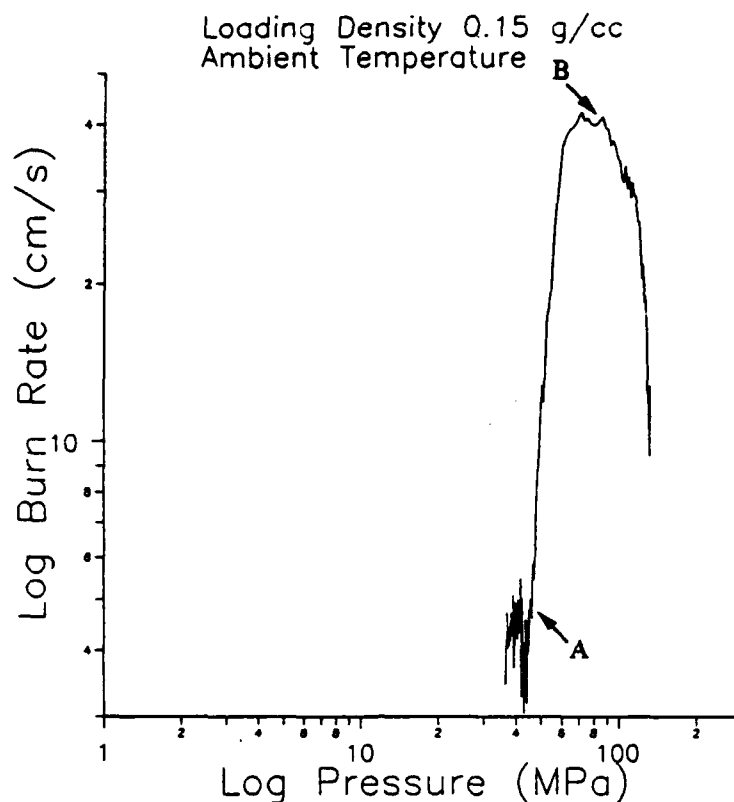


Figure 6. Apparent Burn Rate, Shot No. 7.

and, hence, the burn rate curves for firings 1 through 12 are similar in shape to Figures 5 and 6, although they do differ in timing. Thus, for this study it is felt that no meaningful information concerning the burn rate for LGP 1846 can be obtained from firings 1–12.

However, Figures 7 and 8 present the corresponding information for shot number 24, which is typical for firings (13–29) with liquid propellant loading density  $0.25 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and above. The curve consists of two regions—(1)  $-0.10 \text{ s}$  to  $-0.05 \text{ s}$  with a pressure rise to about 35 MPa, approximately the igniter pressure and (2)  $-0.05 \text{ s}$  to  $0.30 \text{ s}$  with a typical closed chamber pressure curve to about 260 MPa. The pressure-time profile of Figure 7 produces the apparent burn rate information shown in Figure 8, which appears to provide meaningful results up to about 180 MPa.

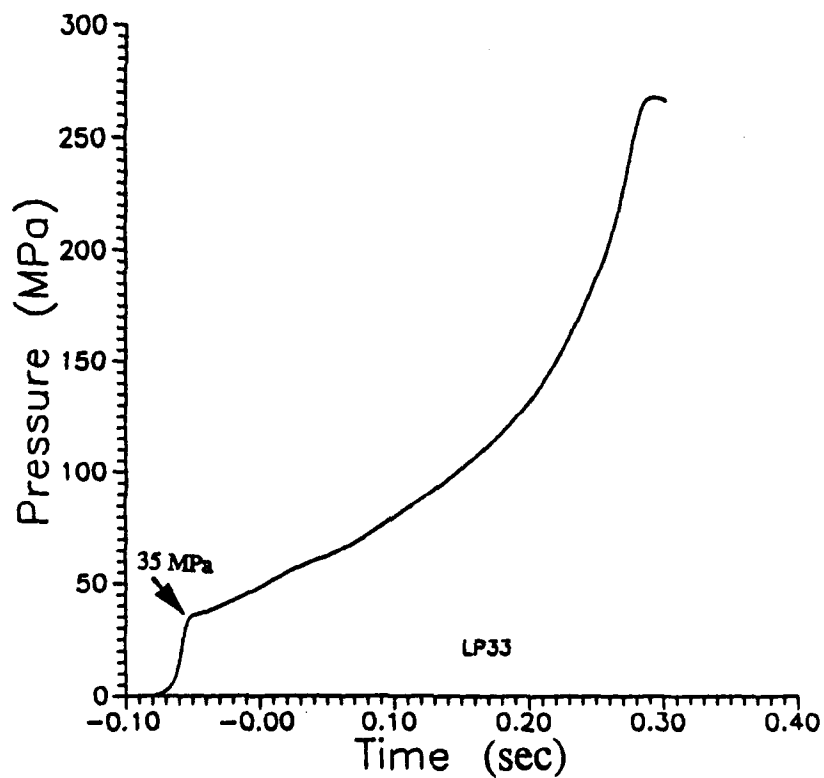


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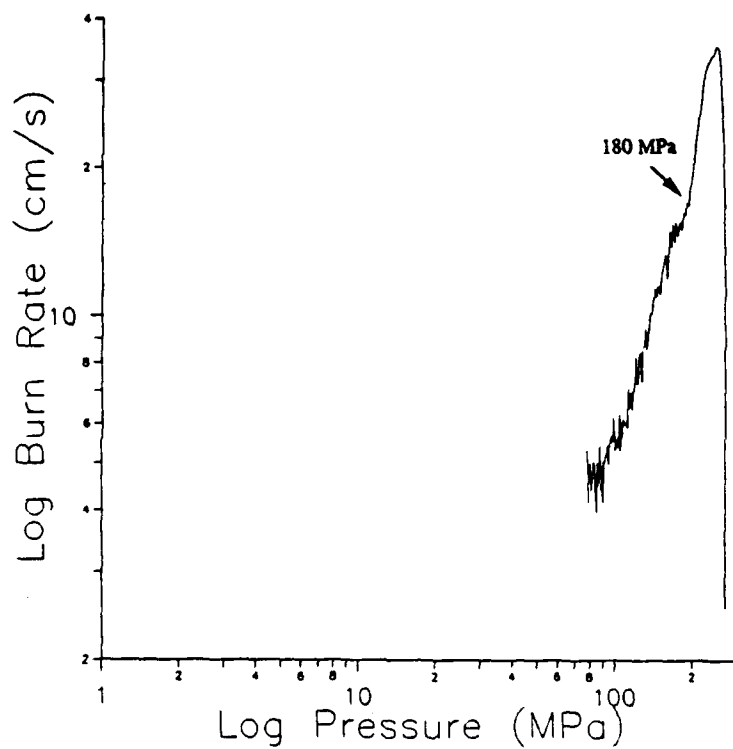


Figure 8. Apparent Burn Rate, Shot No. 24.



## 5. BURN RATE CALCULATIONS (AMBIENT TEMPERATURE) AND COMPARISONS WITH EARLIER WORK

Based upon the discussion of the previous section, for the calculation of a burn rate at ambient temperature, the results from the  $0.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$  loading density, firings 16–18, will be utilized. The "meaningful" portion of the computed burn rate curves for firings 16–18 are shown in Figure 9. As can be observed, two of the three firings produce "similar" curves. The burn rate at ambient temperature for LGP 1846 will be based upon these two curves. One additional observation, Figure 10, is a log-log graph of pressure vs. burn rate for shot number 16. As observed in the McBratney, Bensinger, and Arford (1976) results for NOS propellant, there appears to be a change in slope for the burn rate at about 100 MPa, as indicated by the straight lines on the burn rate curve. Similar slope changes are present in all the firings—ambient, conditioned hot, and conditioned cold—performed at the  $0.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$  loading density and for several firings at lower loading densities.

Table 2 presents the combined computed burn rate law for the data from shots number 16 and 17, the two lower curves in Figure 9. The burn rate law is given in  $r = bP^n$  form, with  $r$  having units in centimeters per second. Table 3 provides the burn rate information for the LGP 1845 McBratney (1981) strand burner data and combined burn rate information provided by Vosen (1989) for the McBratney, Vosen, and Lee data (McBratney, Bensinger, and Arford 1976; Vosen 1989; Lee, Tseng, and Faeth 1989).

Table 2. Burn Rates for LGP 1846 at a  $0.3\text{-g/cm}^3$  Loading Density in the Form  $r = bP^n$

| Pressure Range<br>(MPa) | Coefficient (b)<br>(cm/s-MPa) | Exponent (n) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 75–101                  | 0.0024                        | 1.67         |
| 101–190                 | 0.000548                      | 1.99         |

Loading Density 0.3 g/cc  
Ambient Temperature

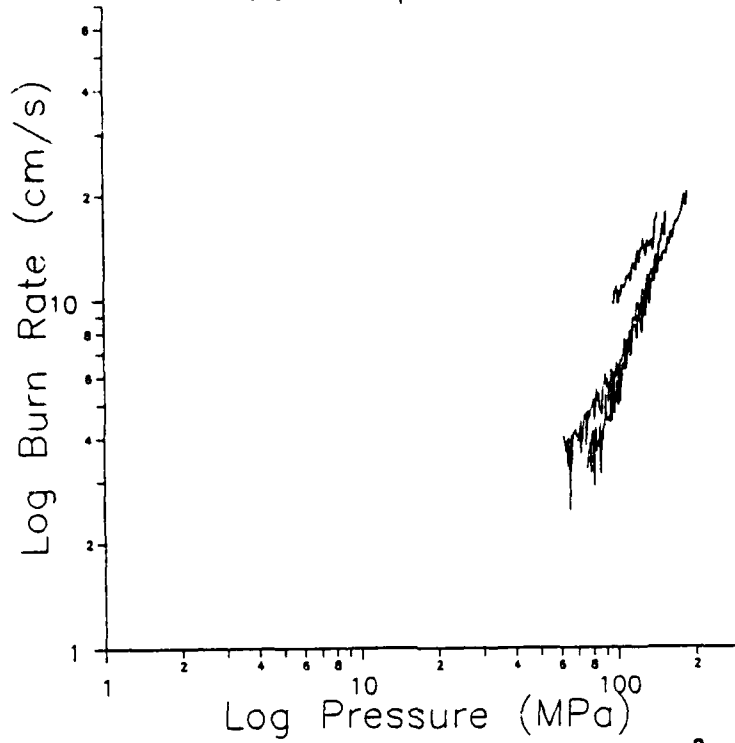


Figure 9. Burn Rate Results for  $\rho_d = 0.30 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

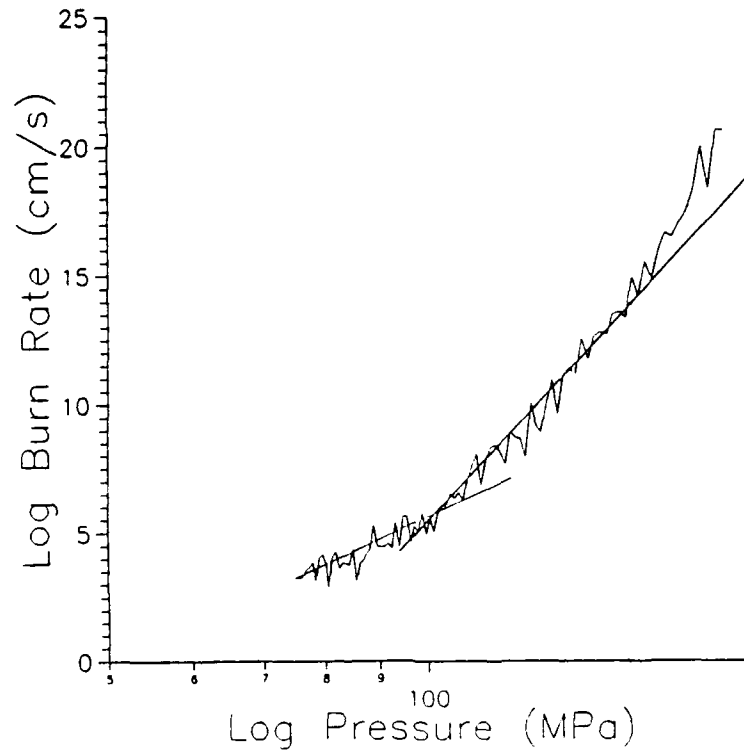


Figure 10. Burn Rate for Shot Number 16 With Slope Break.

Table 3. Burn Rate Information by McBratney and Vosen<sup>a</sup> in the Form  $r = bP^n$

| Pressure Range<br>(MPa) | Coefficient (b)<br>(cm/s-MPa) | Exponent (n) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| McBratney:<br>10-60     | 1.64                          | 0.103        |
| Vosen:<br>1-100         | 0.945                         | 0.237        |

<sup>a</sup> Coffee, Wren, and Morrison 1989; Vosen 1989.

The most obvious difference between the data in Tables 2 and 3 is the magnitude of pressure exponent. However, considering the different pressure regimes, a direct comparison may not be valid, except possibly in the 60-70 MPa region. The McBratney strand burner data indicates a distinct increased slope (pressure exponent) (see Figure 1) for the measurements at 80 and 95 MPa. McBratney did not include these points in his burn rate law computation. Although Vosen, in computing the burn rate law to 100 MPa, did include the two data points by McBratney at 80 and 95 MPa, this was the only burning rate data for pressures above 60 MPa and no special consideration was given to the increased slope indicated by these two data points.

A comparison of the burn rates from 60 to 70 MPa, possibly a valid regime for extrapolation for the burn rates computed in this study, indicates reasonable agreement with earlier work (see Table 4).

Table 4. Comparison of Computed Burn Rates Between 60 and 70 MPa

| Pressure<br>(MPa) | Burn Rate,<br>Present Study<br>(cm/s) | Burn Rate,<br>McBratney<br>(cm/s) | Burn Rate,<br>Vosen<br>(cm/s) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 60                | 2.24                                  | 2.50                              | 2.49                          |
| 65                | 2.56                                  | 2.52                              | 2.54                          |
| 70                | 2.89                                  | 2.54                              | 2.59                          |

## 6. BURN RATE CALCULATIONS FOR TEMPERATURE-CONDITIONED PROPELLANT

Firings 19 to 24 were performed with the liquid propellant conditioned to a temperature of -25° C and firings 25 to 29 with the propellant conditioned to a temperature of +60° C. Loading density in all firings is 0.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Computed burn rates for these firings are presented in Table 5.

Table 5. Burn Rates for LGP 1846 Conditioned to -25° C and +60° C Temperatures, at a 0.3-g/cm<sup>3</sup> Loading Density of in the Form  $r = bP^n$

| Pressure Range<br>(MPa)       | Coefficient (b)<br>(cm/s-MPa) | Exponent (n) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Conditioned -25° C:<br>75-100 | 0.139                         | 0.848        |
| 100-200                       | 0.0218                        | 1.25         |
| Conditioned +60° C:<br>65-100 | 0.00132                       | 1.87         |
| 100-220                       | 0.00018                       | 2.3          |

Figure 11 shows a comparison of the burn rates for the temperature-conditioned and ambient firings. The measured burn rates for the conditioned-cold and ambient firings are similar while the rate for the conditioned-hot propellant is substantially higher.

## 7. INTERIOR BALLISTIC CALCULATIONS

In the regenerative liquid propellant gun, a liquid jet is introduced into the combustion chamber through an annulus where it undergoes a complex series of steps including breakup and combustion. These processes are not well understood and have not successfully been resolved into component processes. However, recent work with a lumped parameter code (Coffee, Wren, and Morrison 1989, 1990; Coffee, Baer, Morrison, and Wren 1989) has shown that a theoretical model of jet breakup into droplets in combination with a pressure-dependent burn rate for the liquid droplets provides good agreement with 30-mm, 105-mm, and 155-mm experimental data. The current burn rate used in the code is the McBratney measured burn

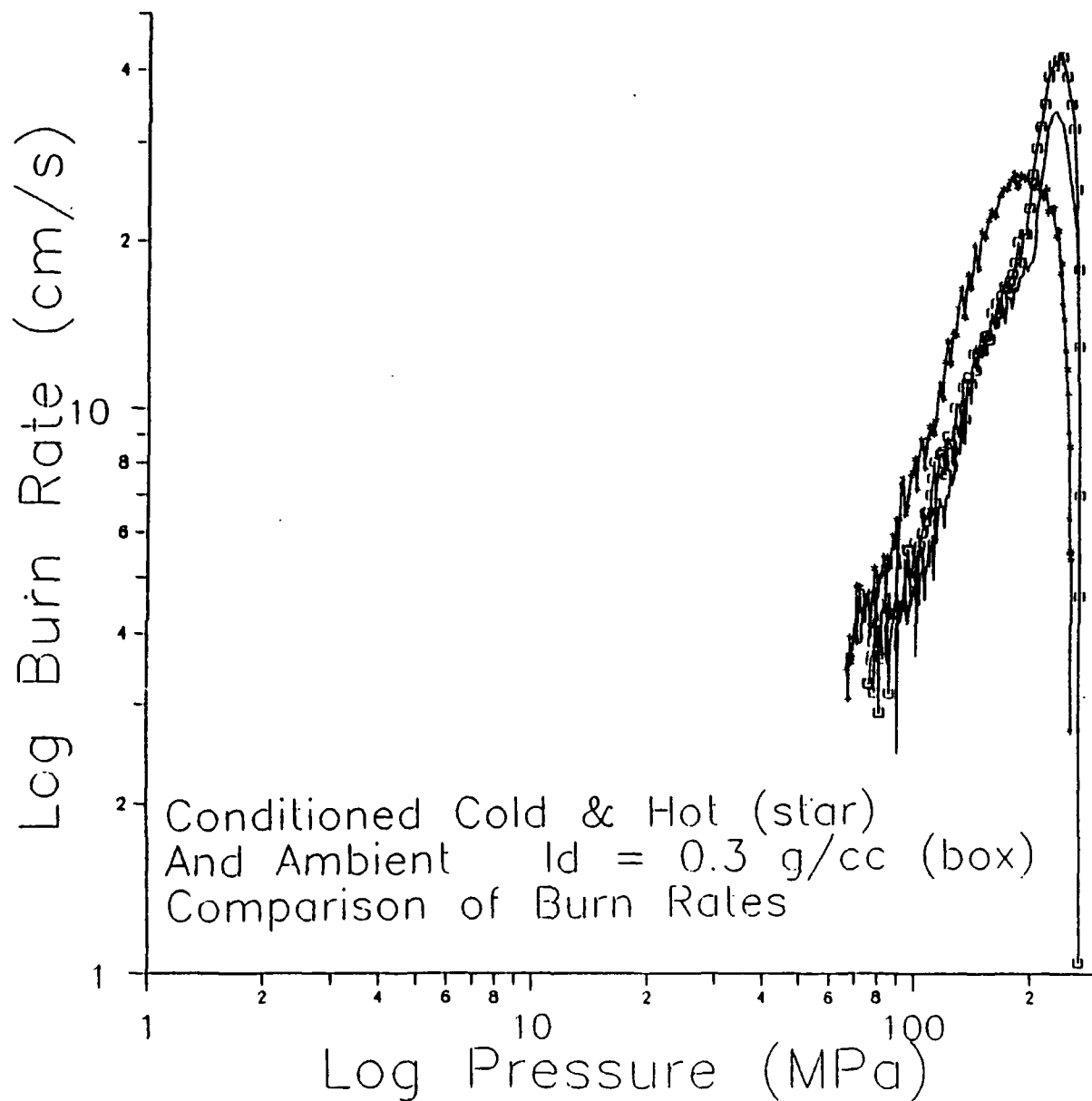


Figure 11. Burn Rate Comparison for Temperature-Conditioned and Ambient Liquid Propellant.

rate shown in Table 3. It has previously been recognized that an increase in burn rate may occur for pressures above about 80 MPa, and the influence of higher burn rates in model results is of interest.

For solid propellants, temperature conditioning has a marked effect on pressure with variations of up to 15% in maximum pressure. It is of interest to determine if the same response of the propellant is observed with liquid propellants. Thus, a two-part burn rate was added to the interior ballistic model (Coffee 1990) as shown in Table 6. The McBratney data are used for ambient, cold, and hot conditions up to 65 MPa. The burn rates determined from the current set of firings is used for pressures above 65 MPa for the respective conditions.

Table 6. Burn Rates Used in Interior Ballistic Calculations

|                        | Pressure Range<br>(MPa) | Coefficient (b)<br>(cm/s-MPa) | Exponent (n) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| ambient<br>cold<br>hot | 0-65                    | 1.64                          | 0.103        |
|                        | > 65                    | 0.000548                      | 1.99         |
|                        | > 65                    | 0.0218                        | 1.25         |
|                        | > 65                    | 0.00018                       | 2.3          |

A comparison of the model at ambient conditions with experimental mean chamber pressure is shown in Figure 12 for a 155-mm, 5-liter charge firing. In Figure 13, a comparison of model results using the derived ambient, cold, and hot burning rates is shown. The general observation from Figures 12 and 13 is that at pressures above 65 MPa the energy release is primarily governed mechanically by the injection rate as opposed to the burning rate. Thus, the current burn rates make little difference in model results compared to the experiment.

However, the cold and hot conditioning of the propellant may affect the discharge coefficients from the reservoir and the damper. The model will need to consider the combination of altered discharge coefficients and altered burn rates to make a meaningful statement about gun performance at temperature extremes.

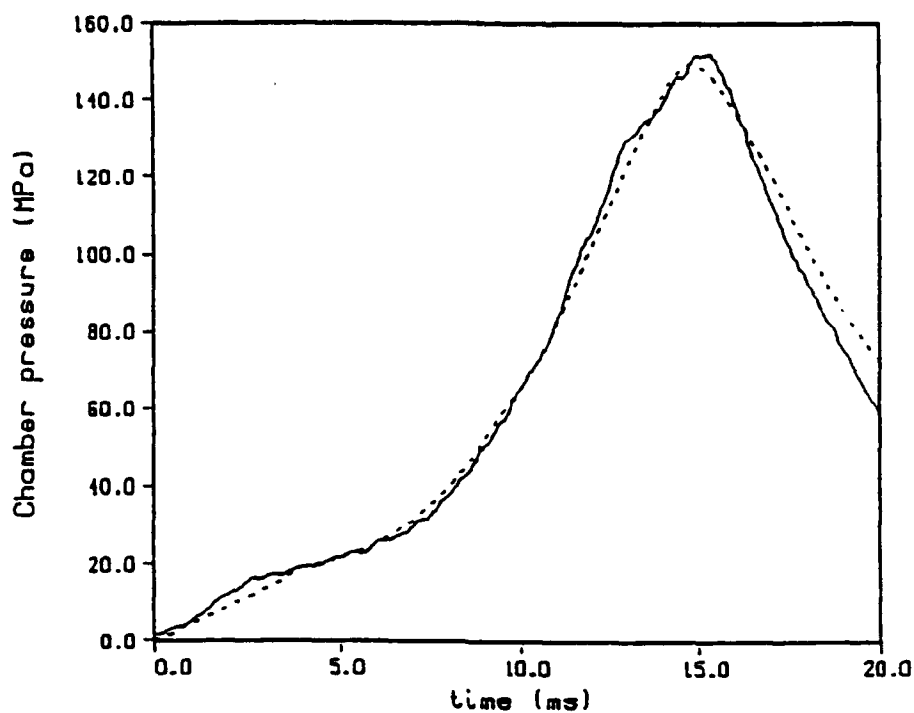


Figure 12. 155-mm, 5-liter Charge Experimental Chamber Pressure (Line); Model With Ambient Burn Rate (Dot).

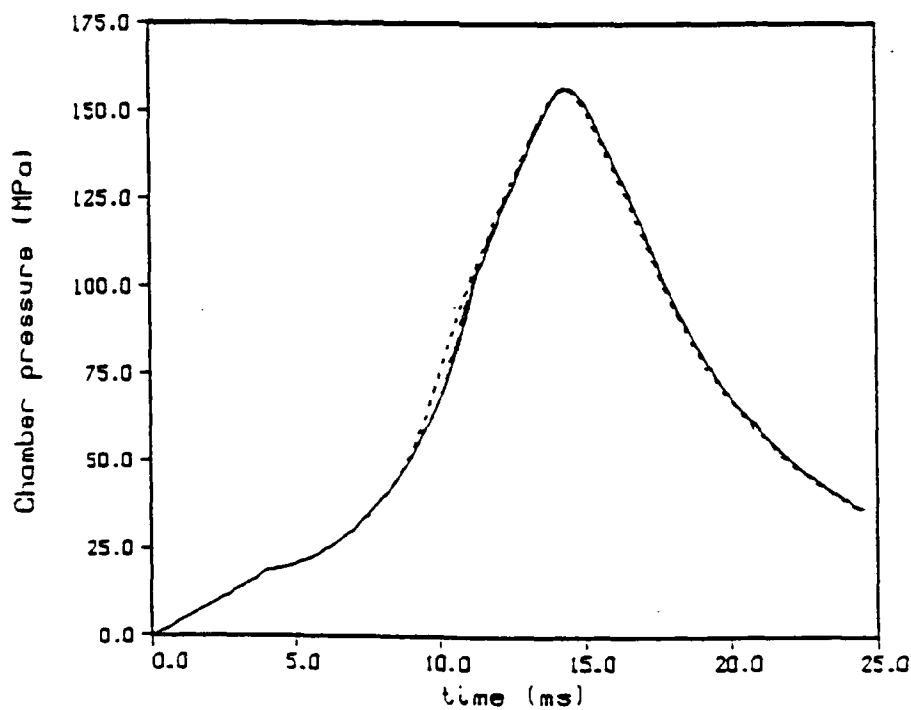


Figure 13. Model With Ambient (Line), Cold (Dot), and Hot (Dash) Burning Rates.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, samples of LGP 1846, without gelling, were fired in a closed chamber to pressures up to 200 MPa. The firings were performed under various loading densities, igniter pressures, and temperature conditioning. Computed burn rate laws,  $r = bP^n$ , resulted in higher than expected exponents, approximately 2.0. It is possible that the large exponent is a result of the assumption concerning the reacting propellant surface area, which is underestimated if the reacting surface is undulating or turbulent. However, in a limited pressure range (60–70 MPa) where extrapolation of the results from this work and previous studies may be valid, reasonable agreement in burning rates is obtained. The burn rate results for the temperature-conditioned propellant indicate that when conditioned "hot" the burn rate is substantially higher than the computed burn rate of the propellant at ambient temperature. If conditioned "cold," the computed burn rate is slightly lower than the burn rate at ambient. Finally, interior ballistic calculations show that the interior ballistic process above 65 MPa is primarily injection controlled rather than controlled by the burning rate of the propellant.

## 9. FUTURE WORK

Additional work is needed to accurately measure burn rates of liquid propellant at elevated pressures (100–400 MPa). Visualization at these pressures would allow more accurate determination of reacting surface area. In addition, interior ballistic codes of the regenerative liquid propellant gun process should consider the effect of temperature on the discharge coefficient.



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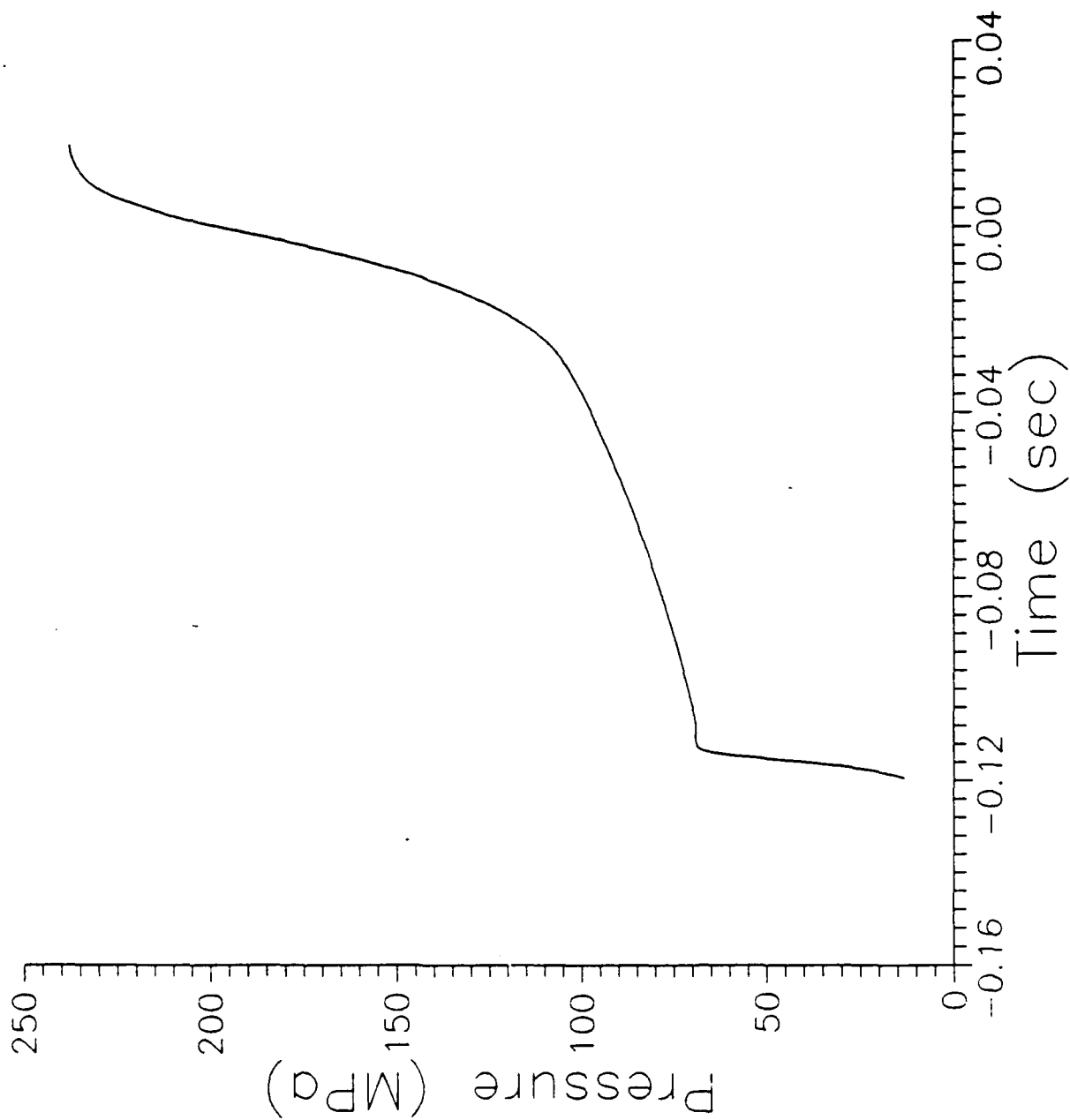


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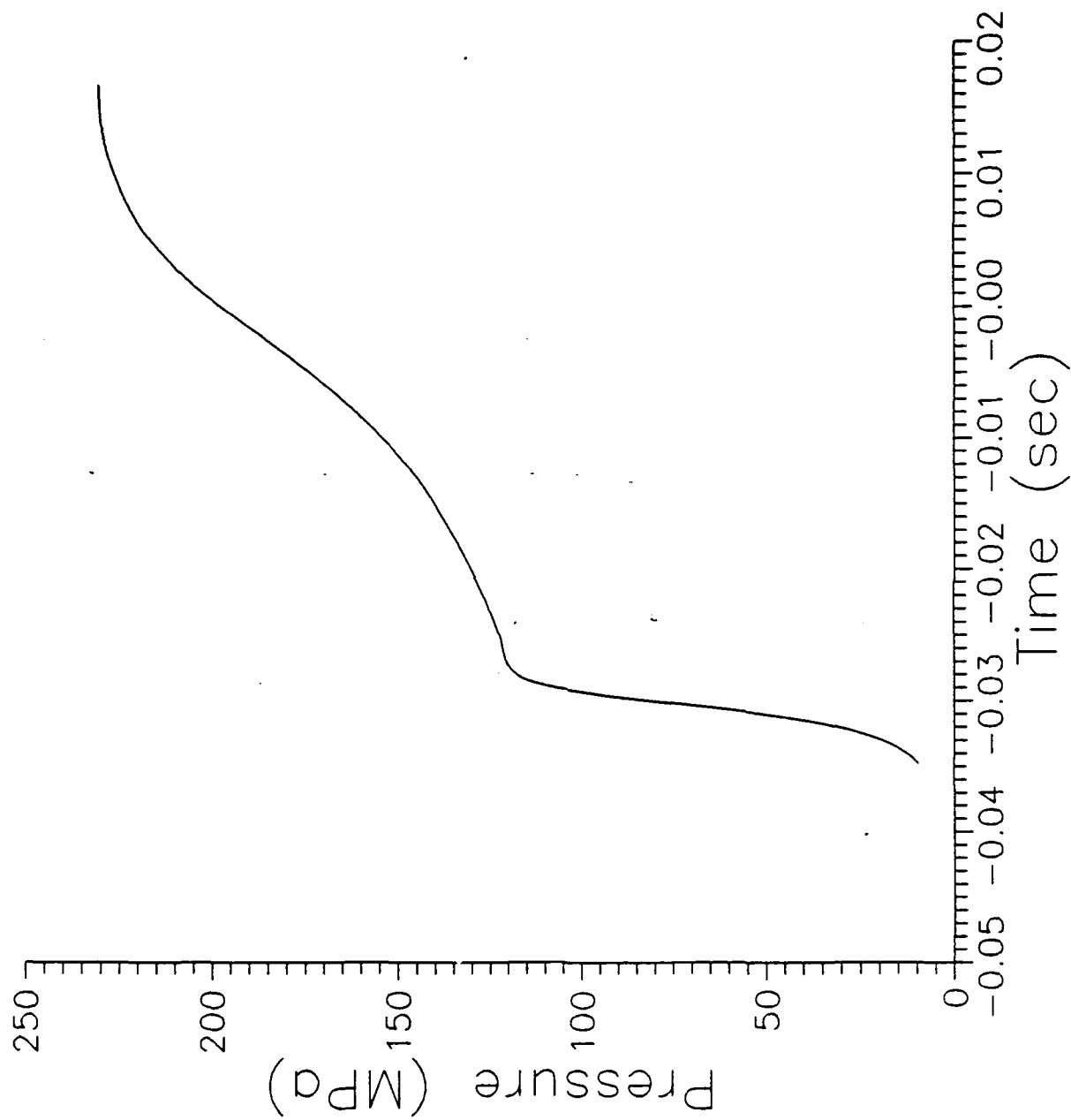


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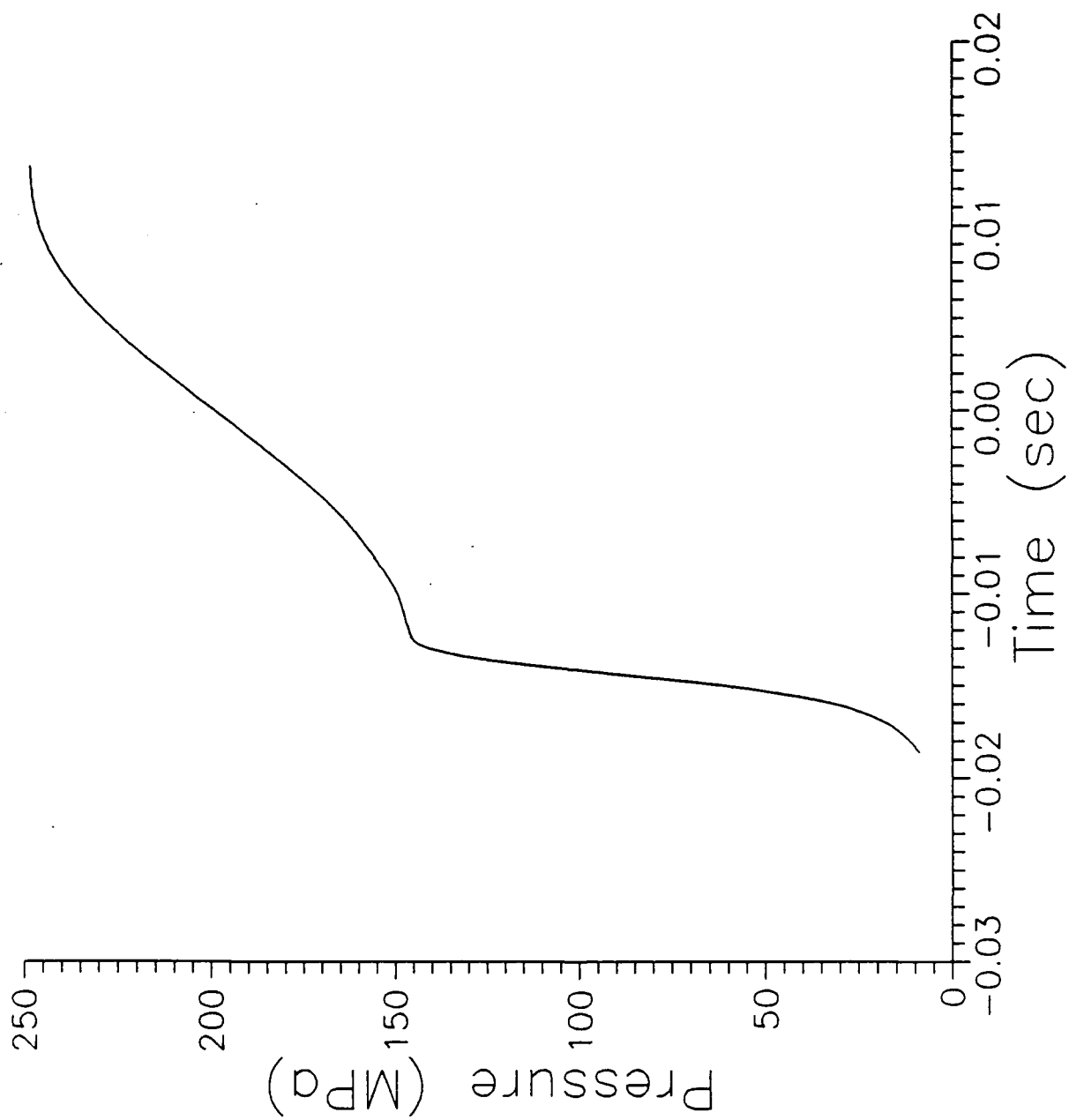


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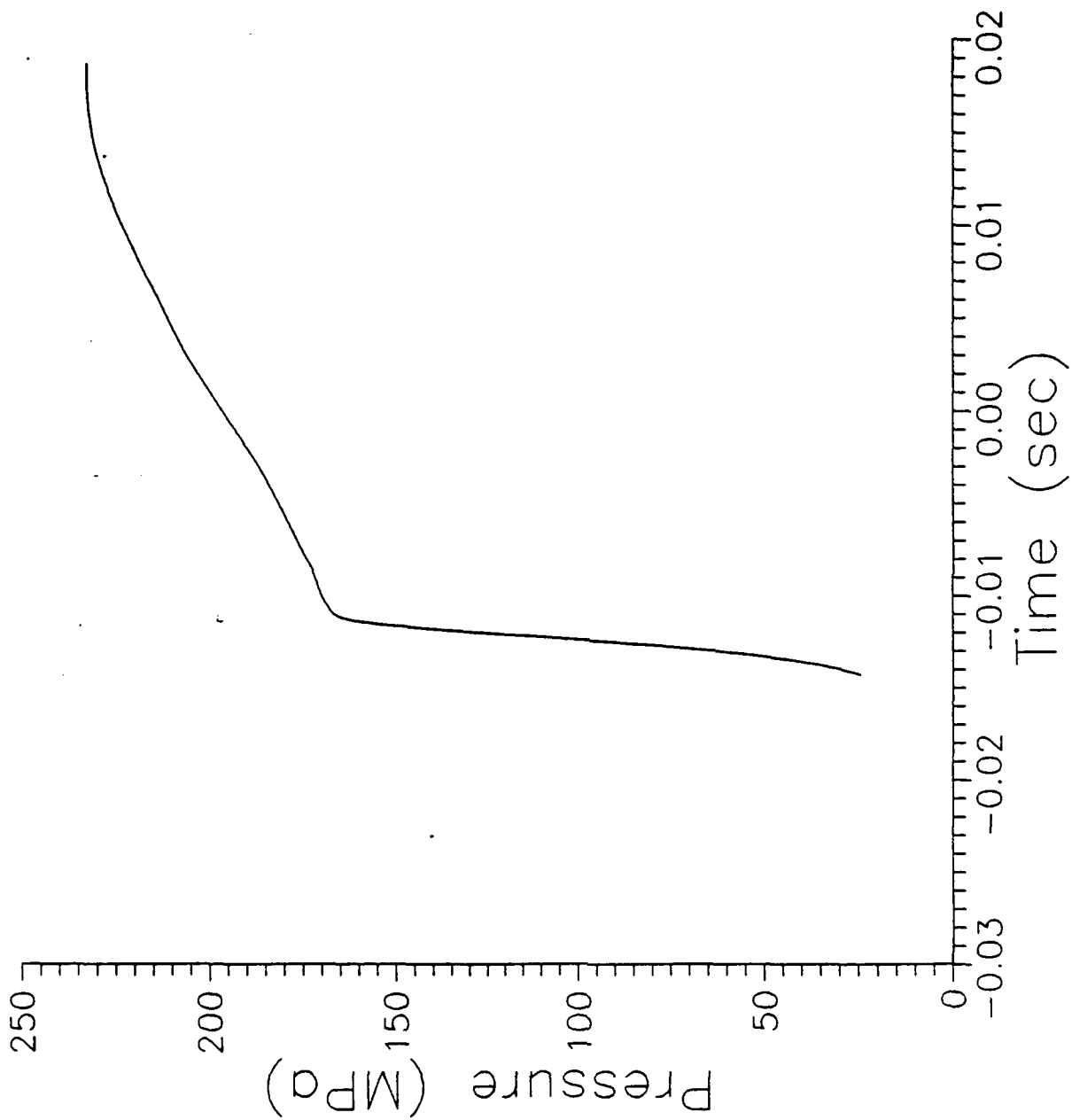


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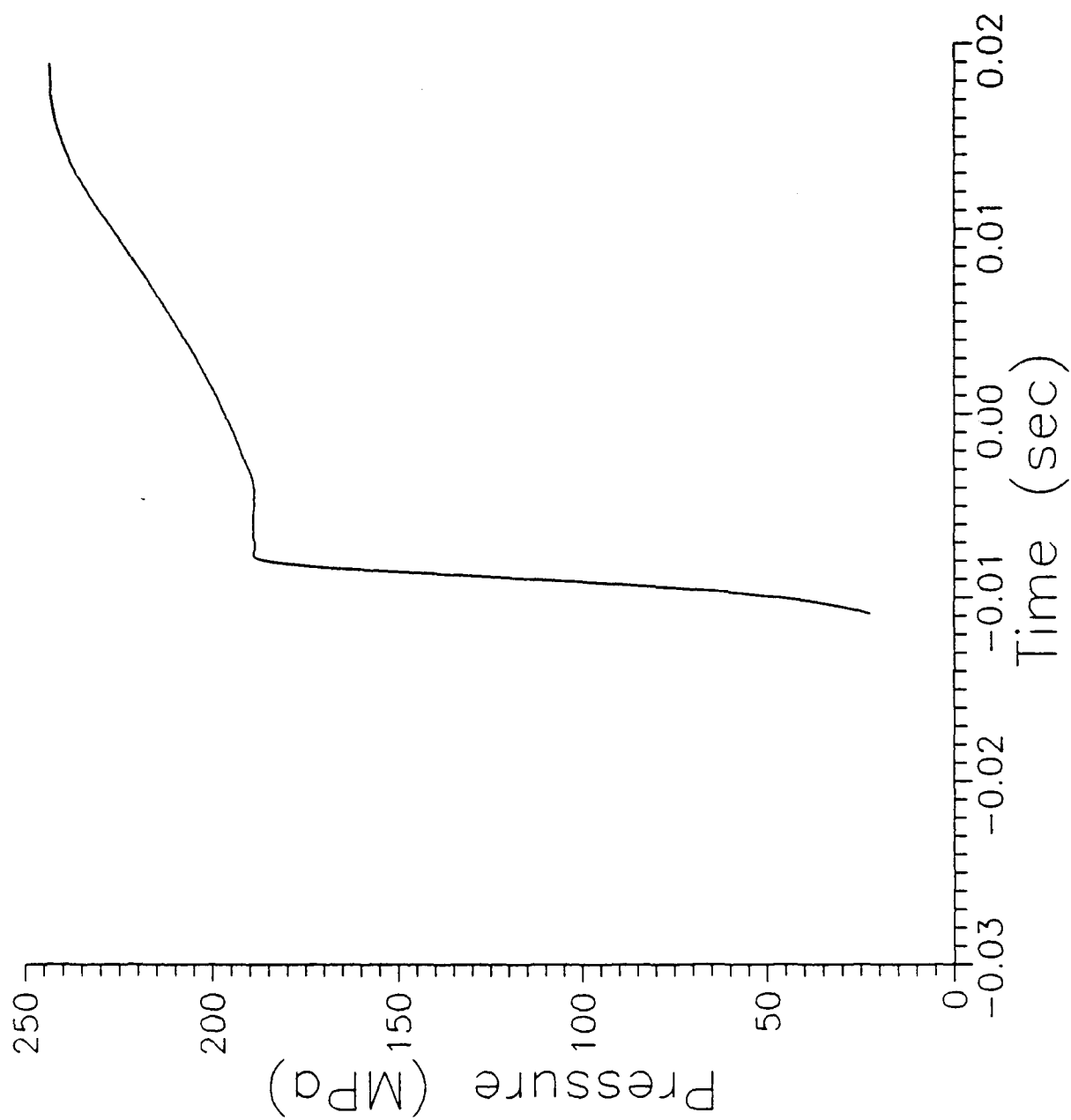


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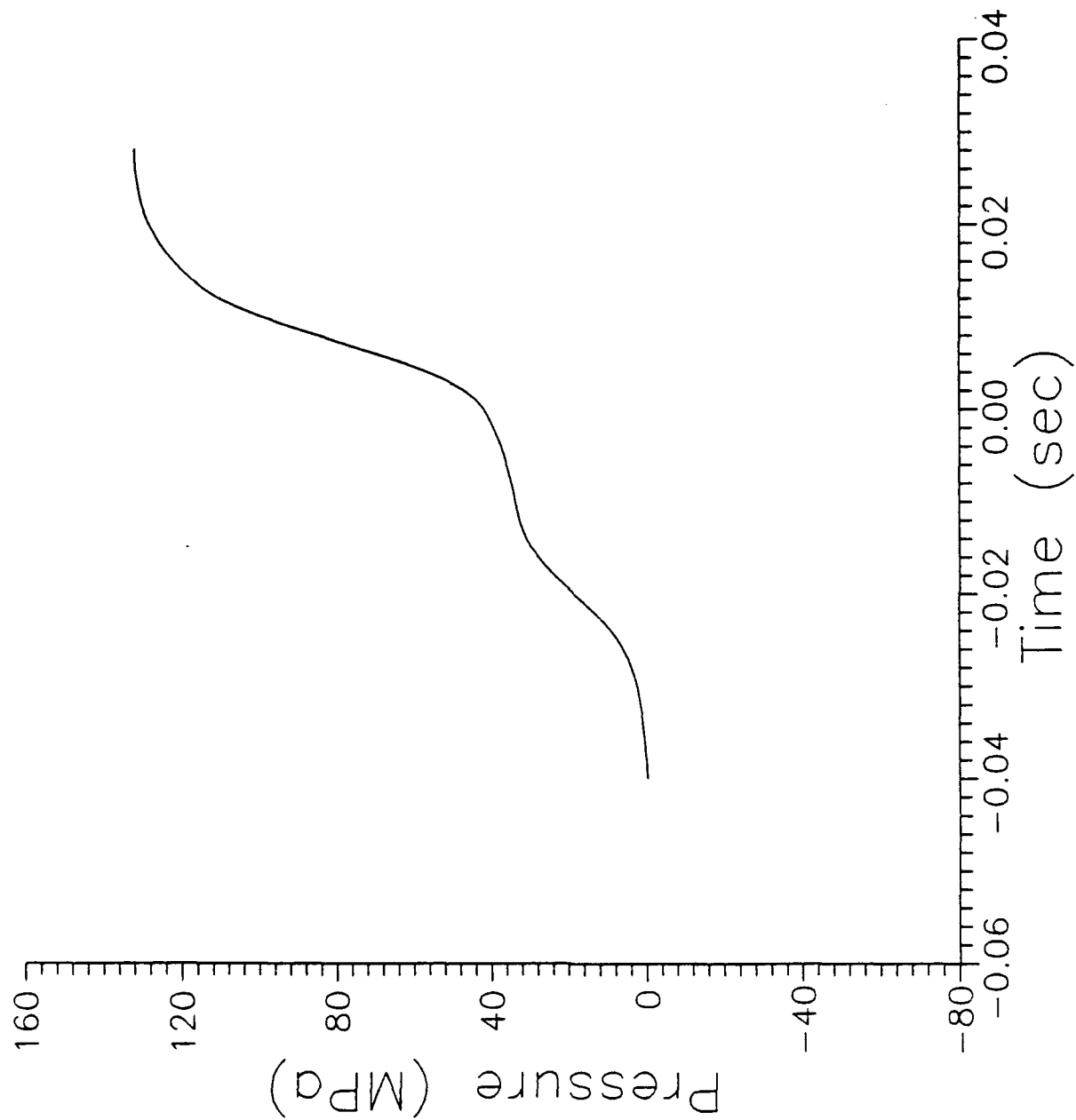


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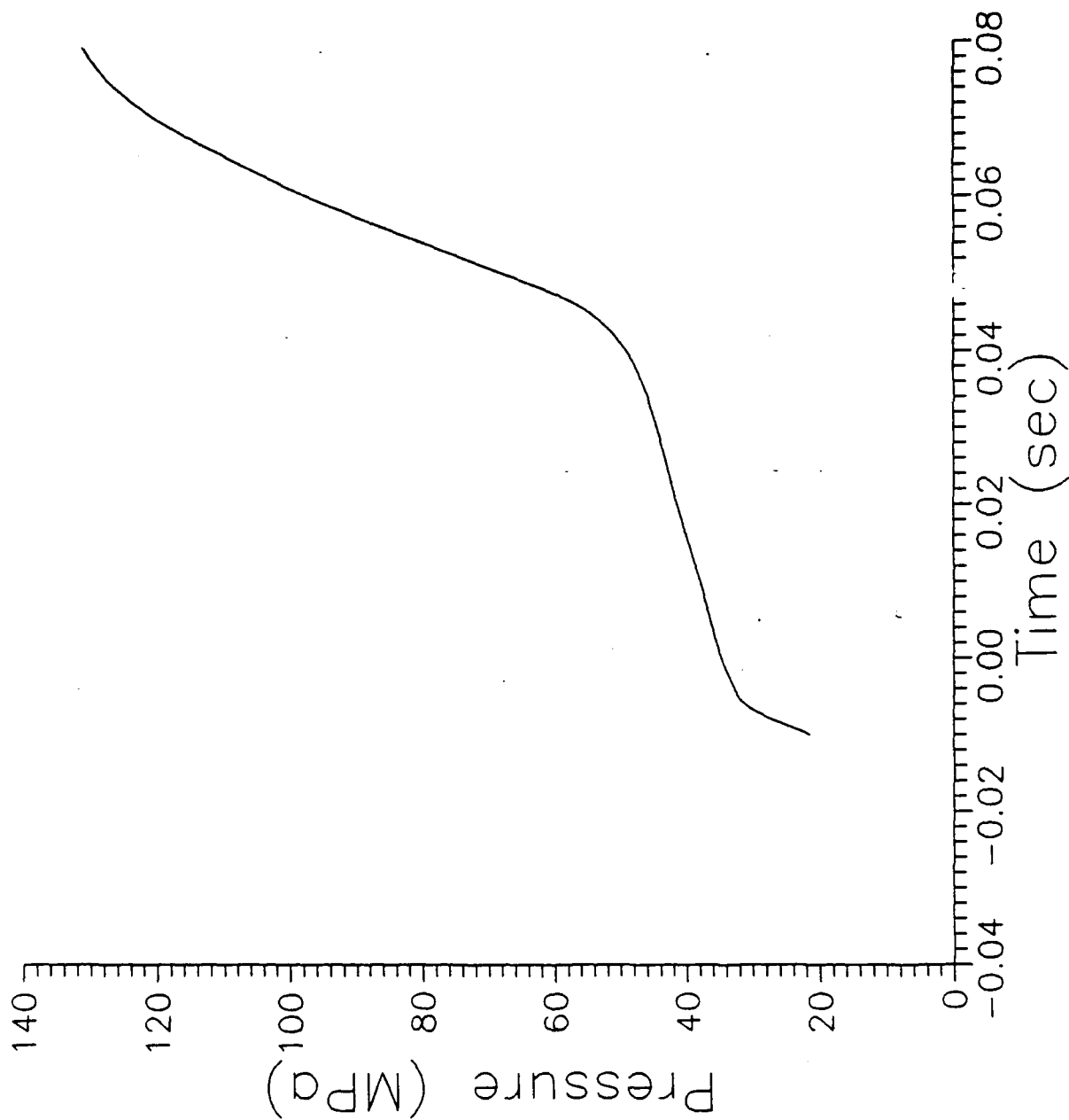


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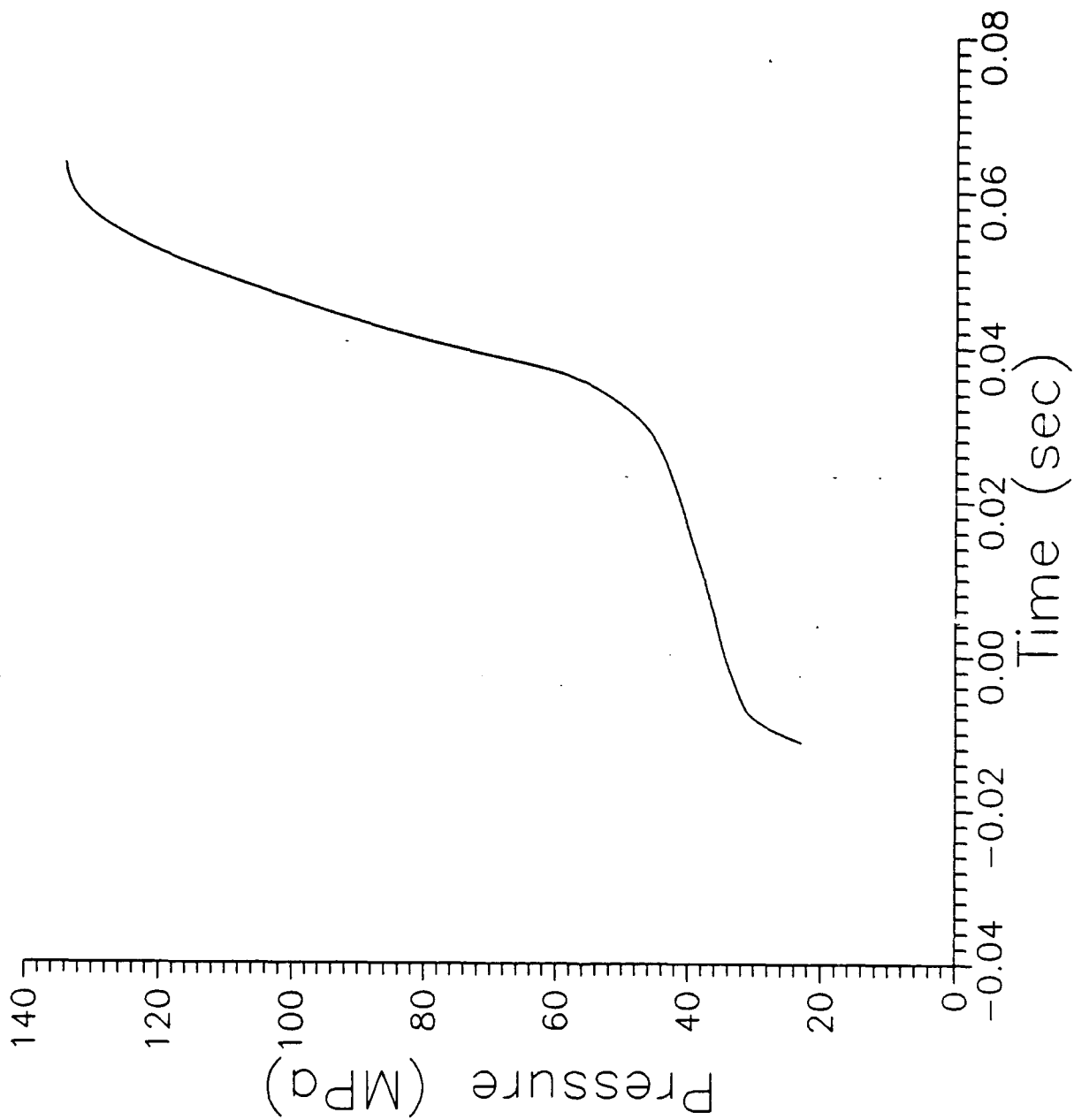


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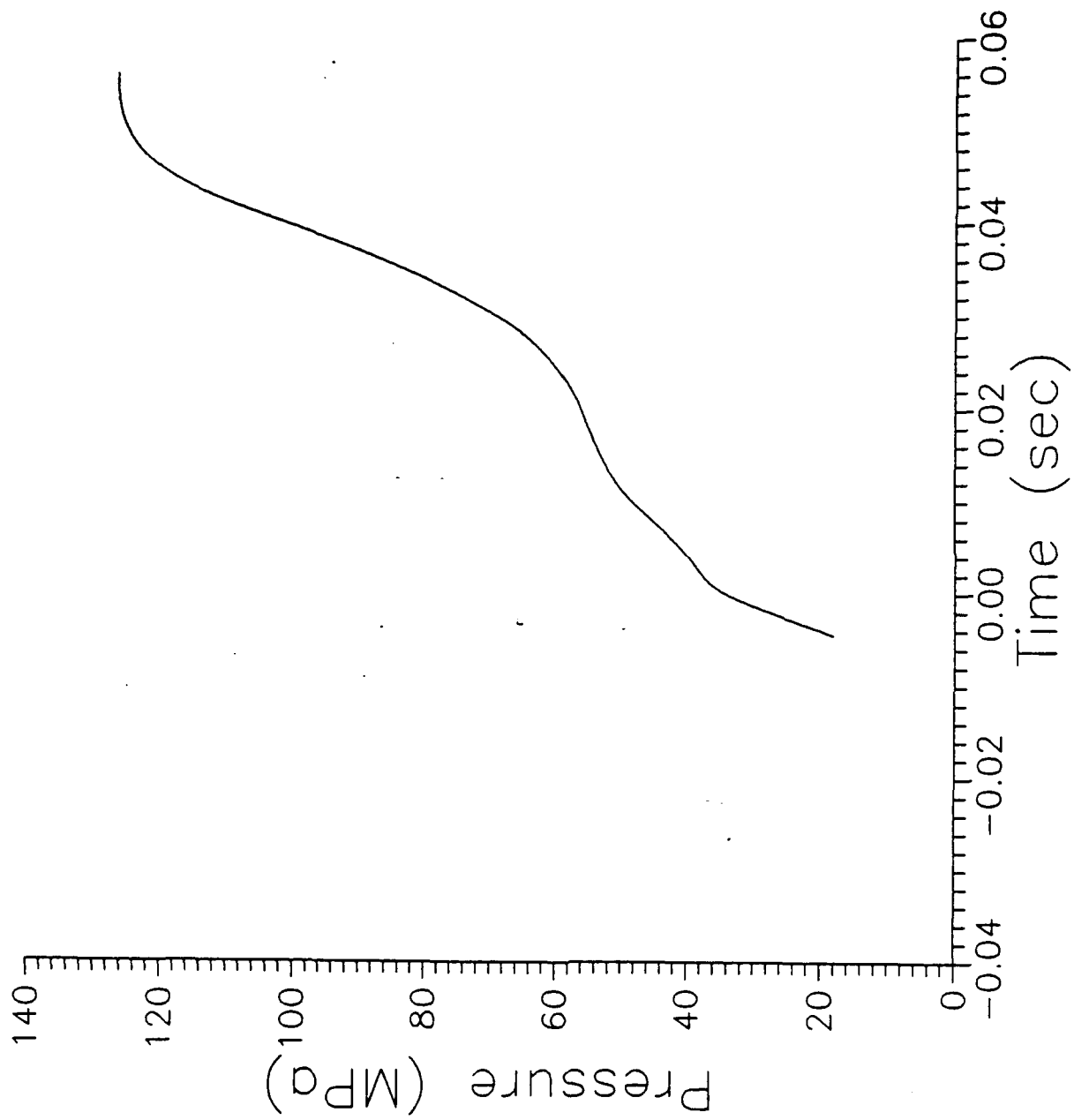


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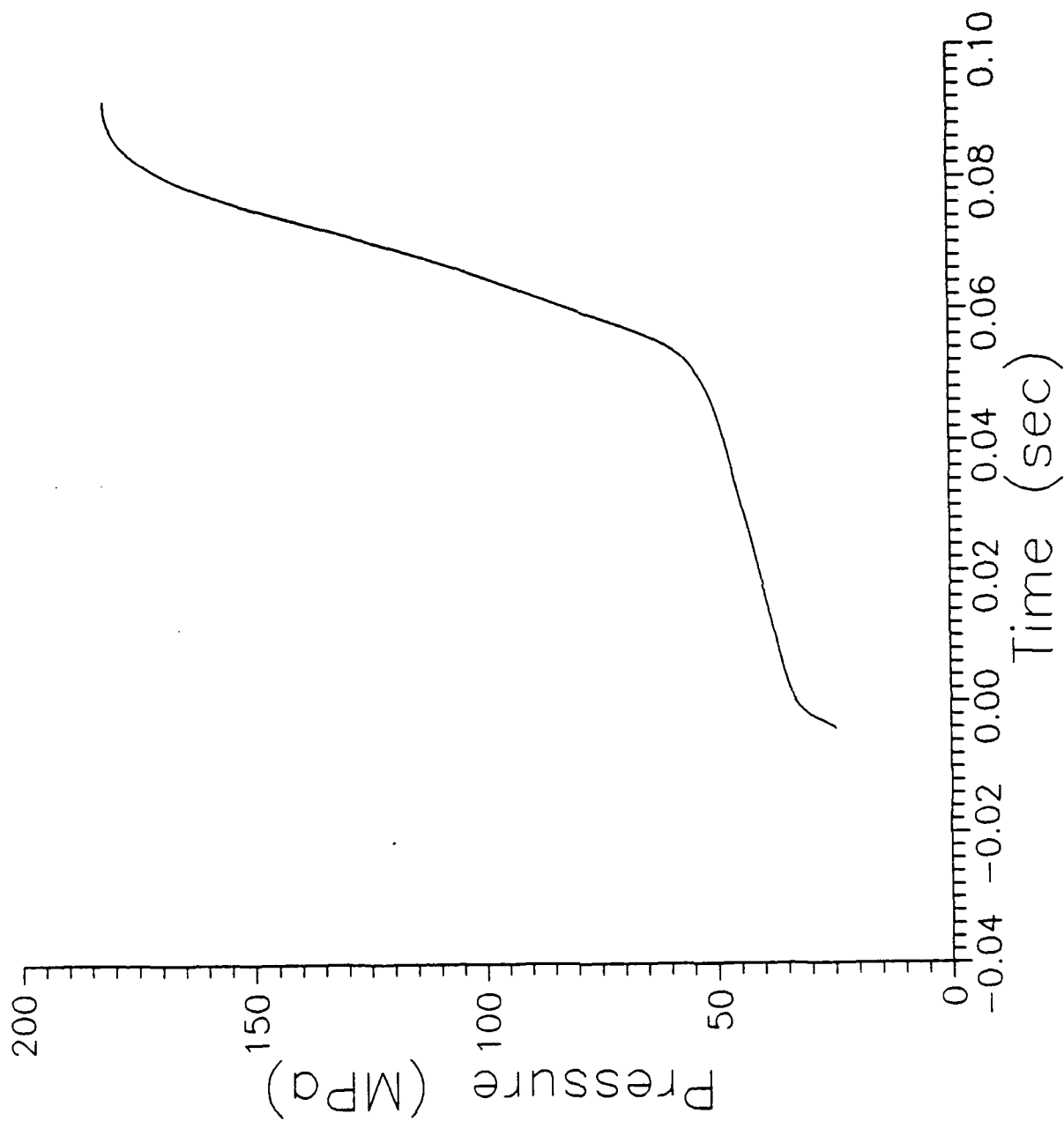


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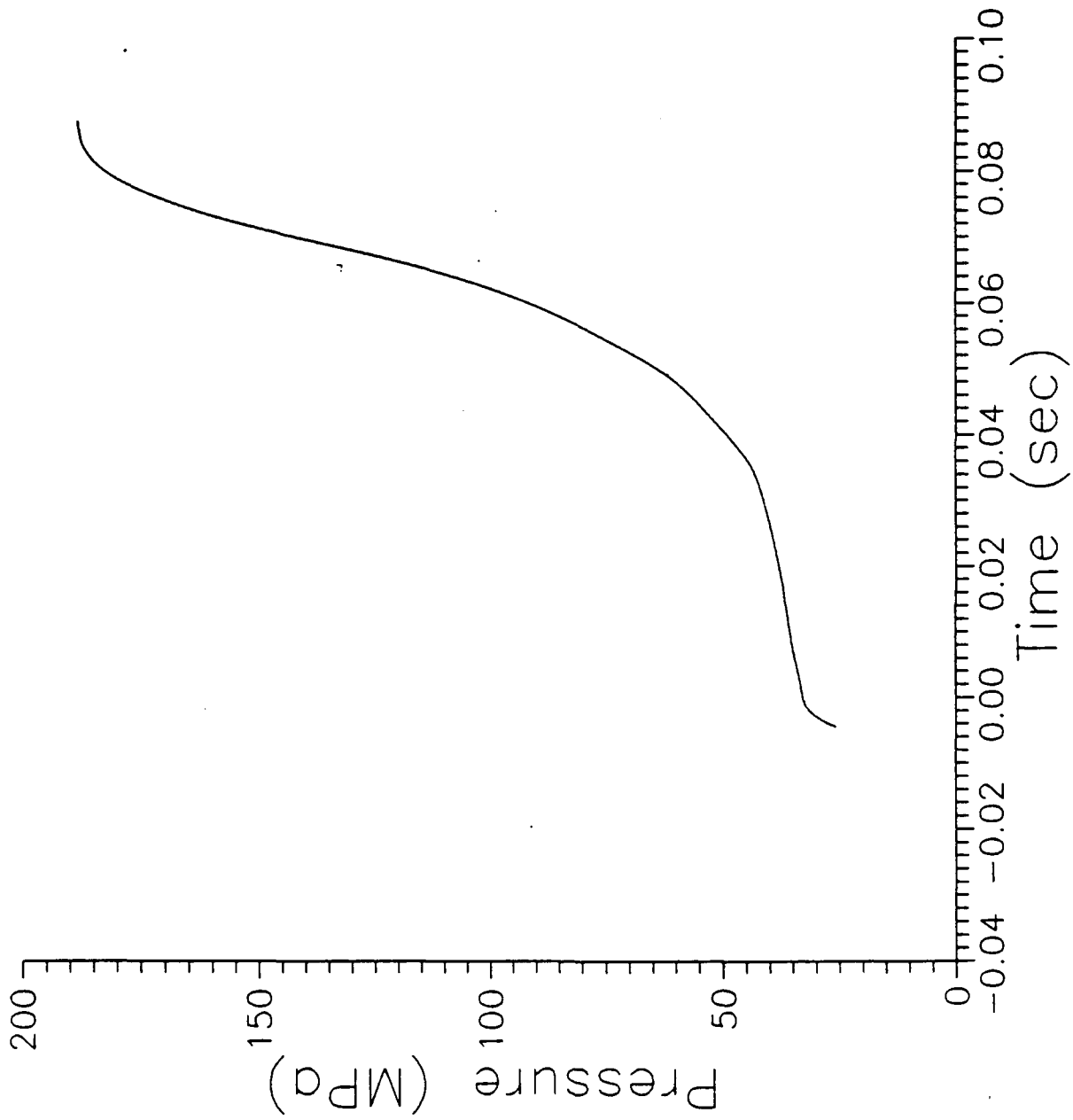


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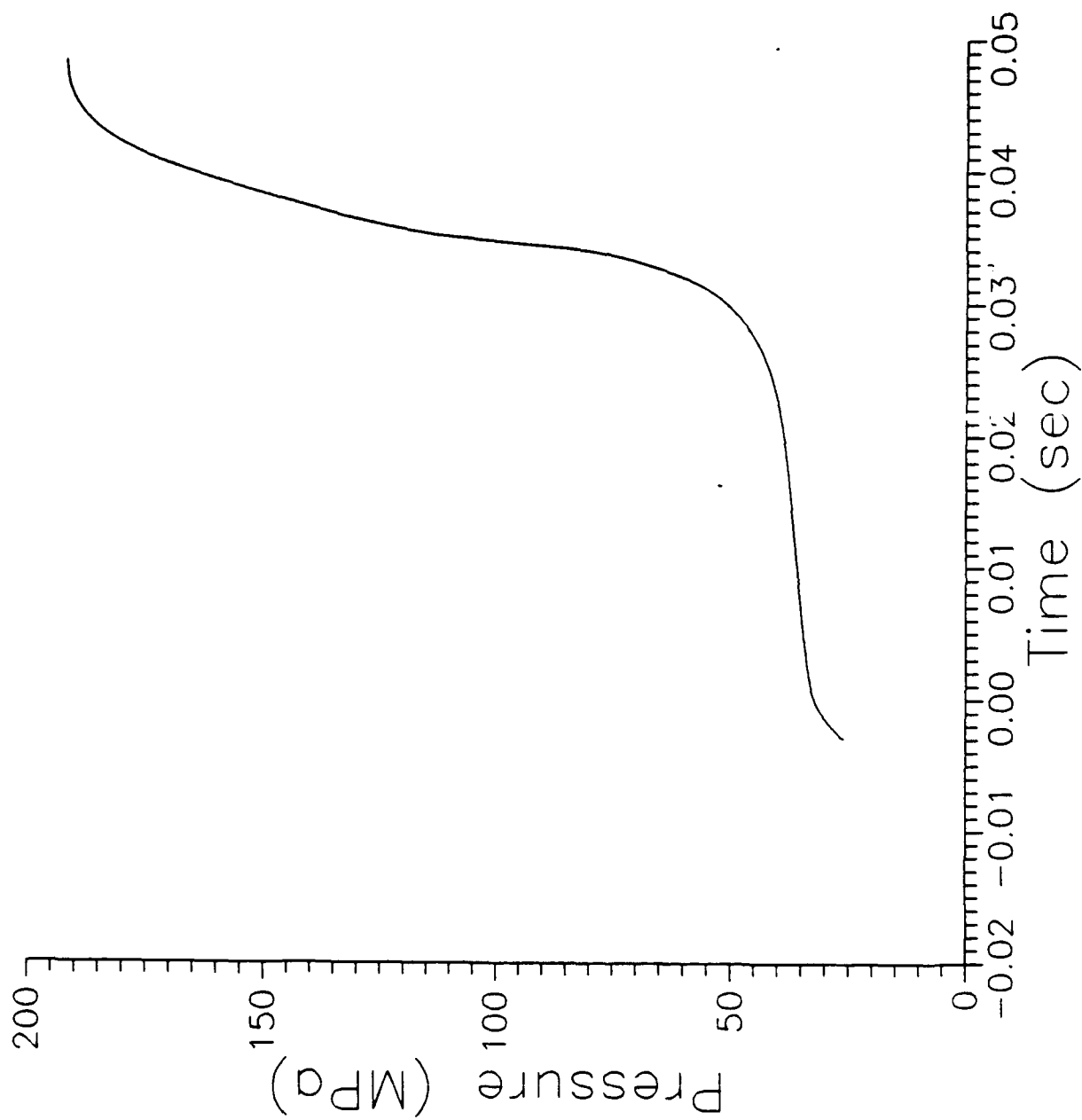


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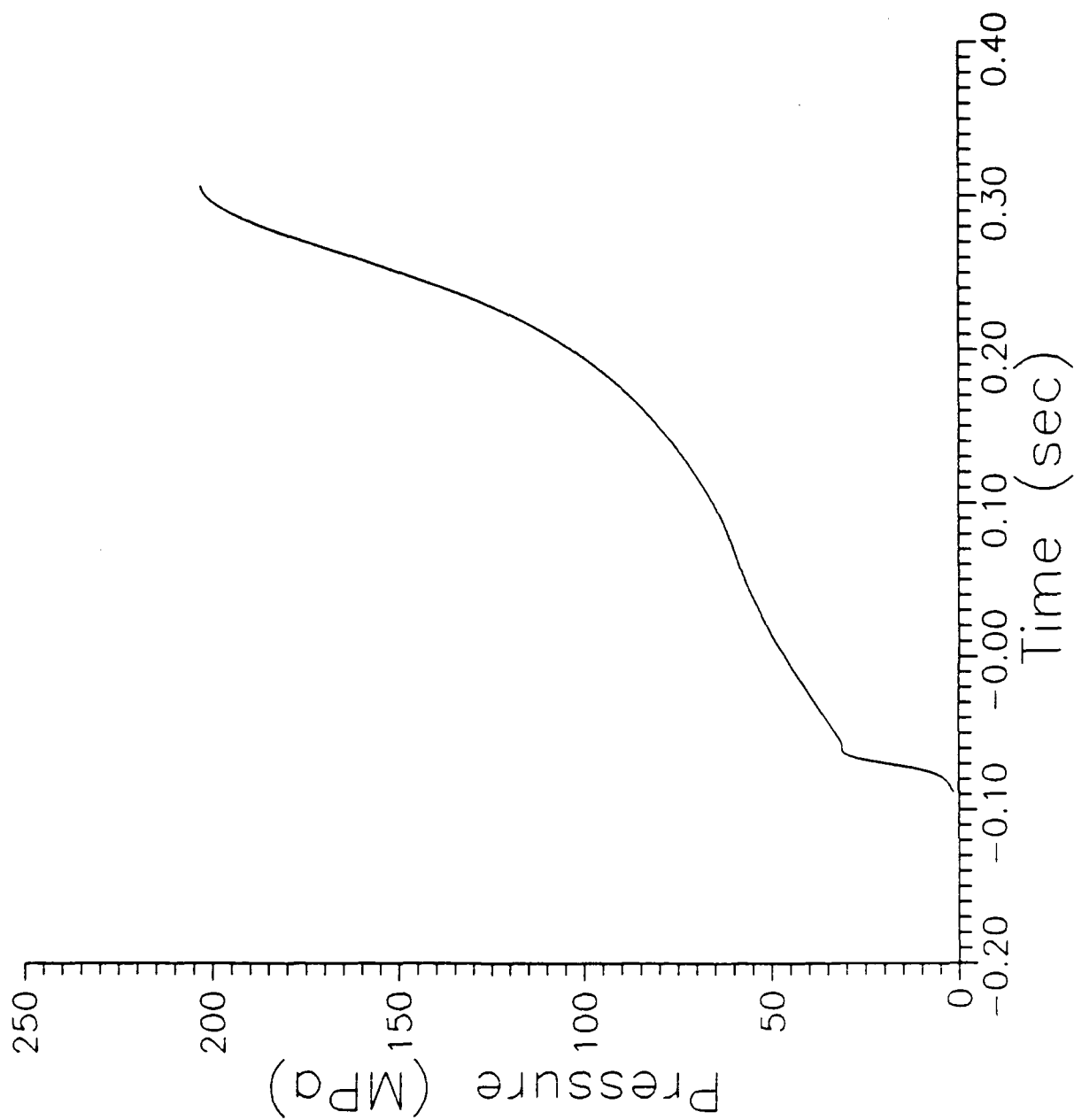


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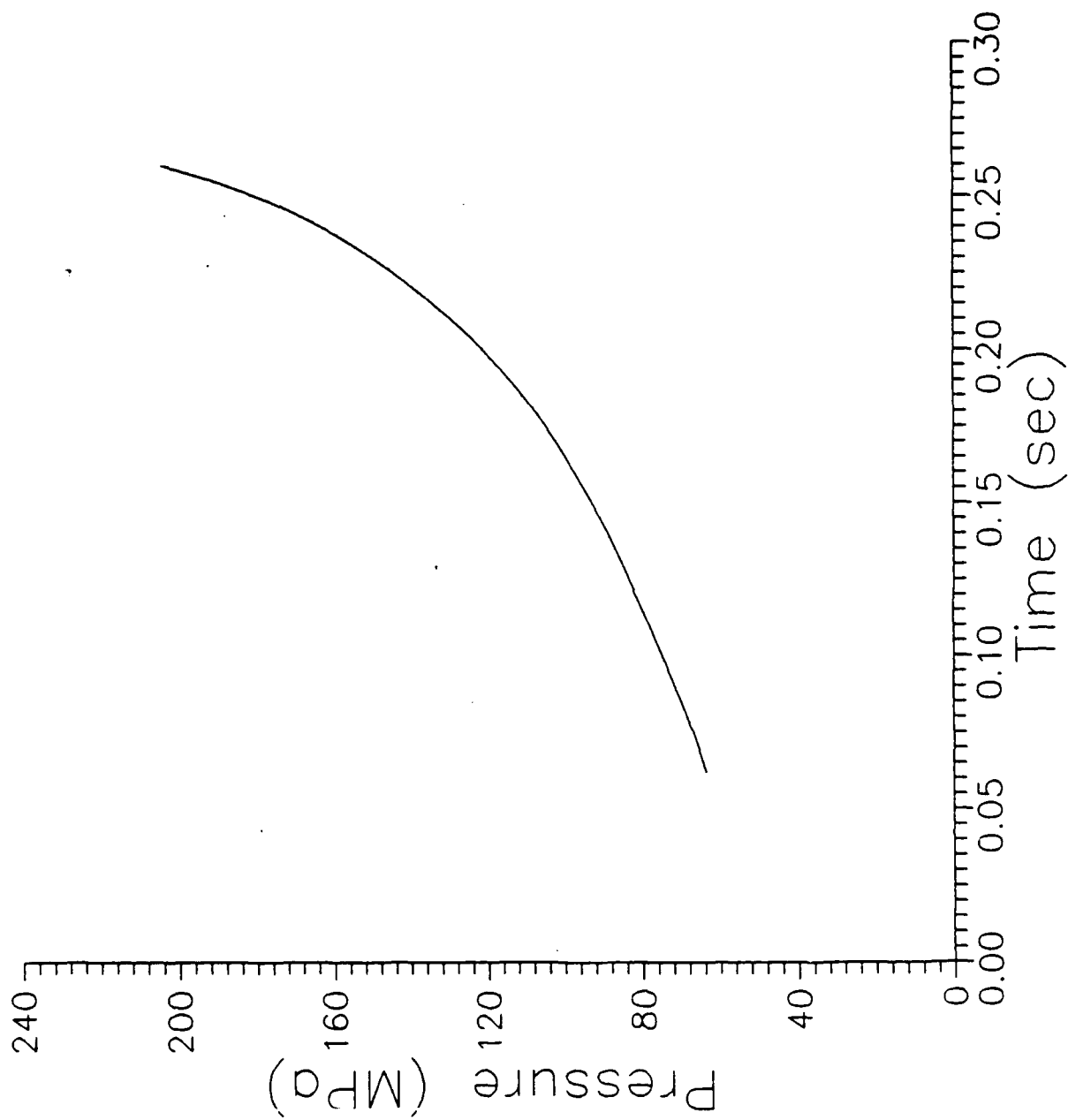


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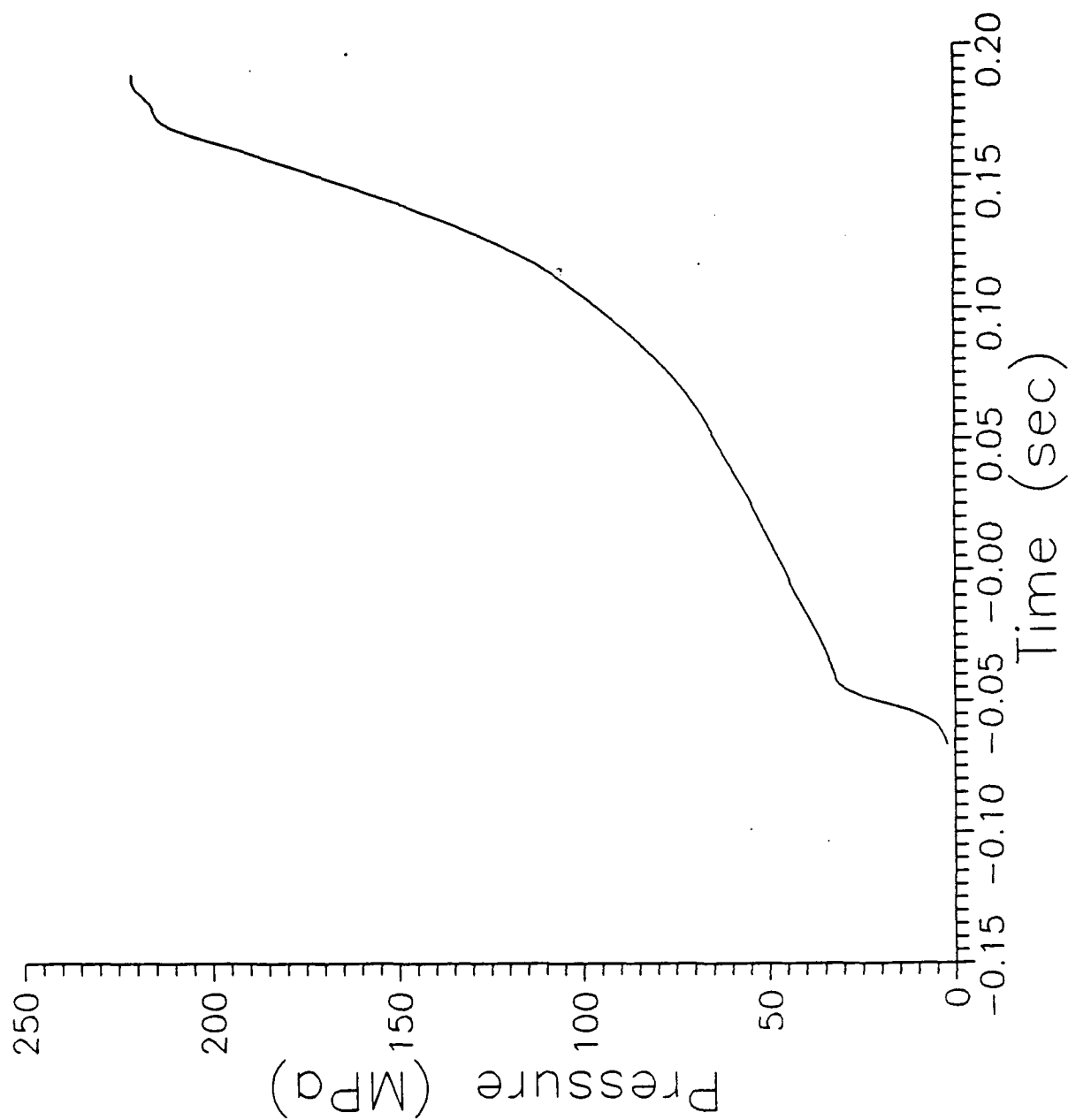


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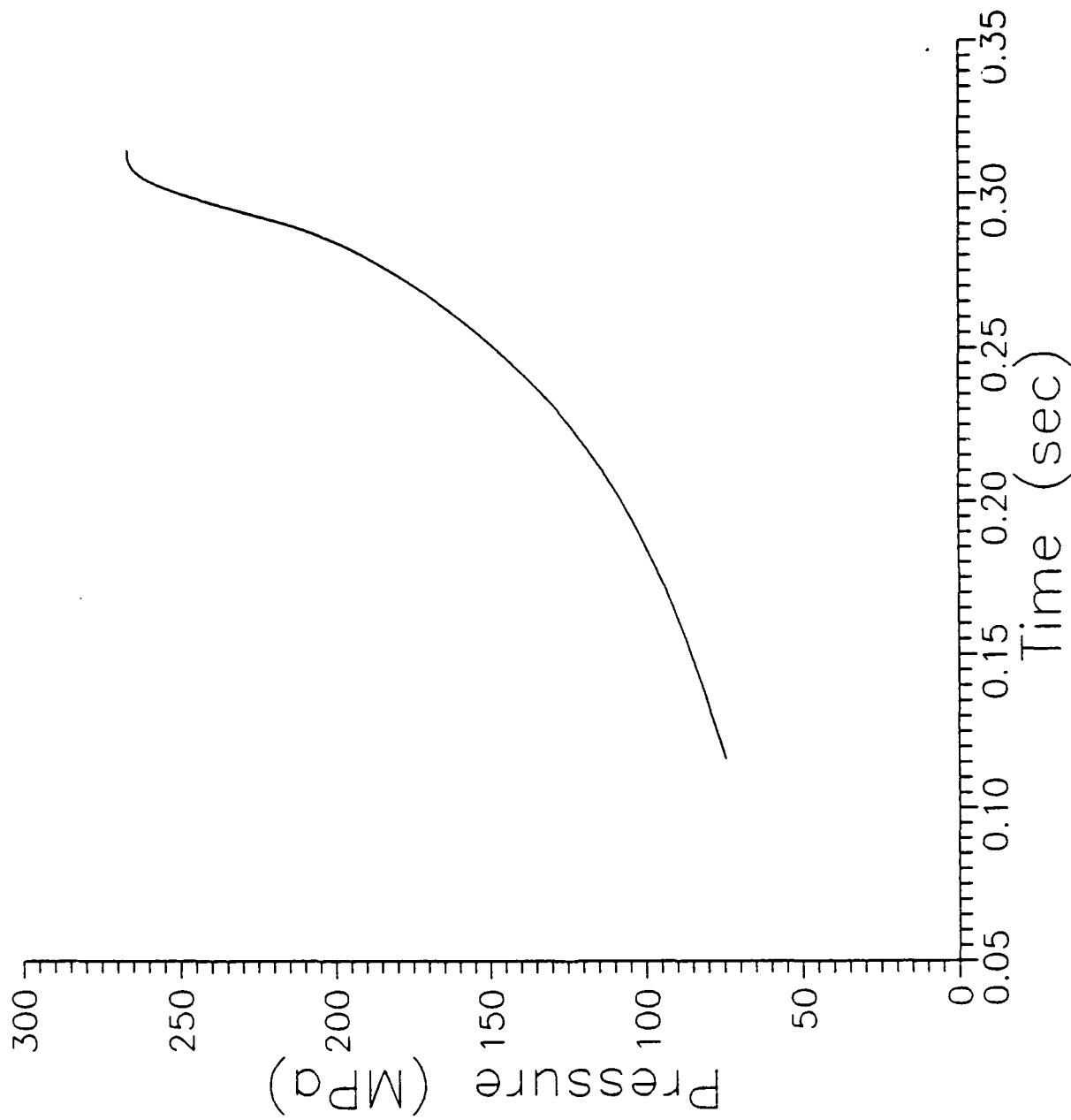


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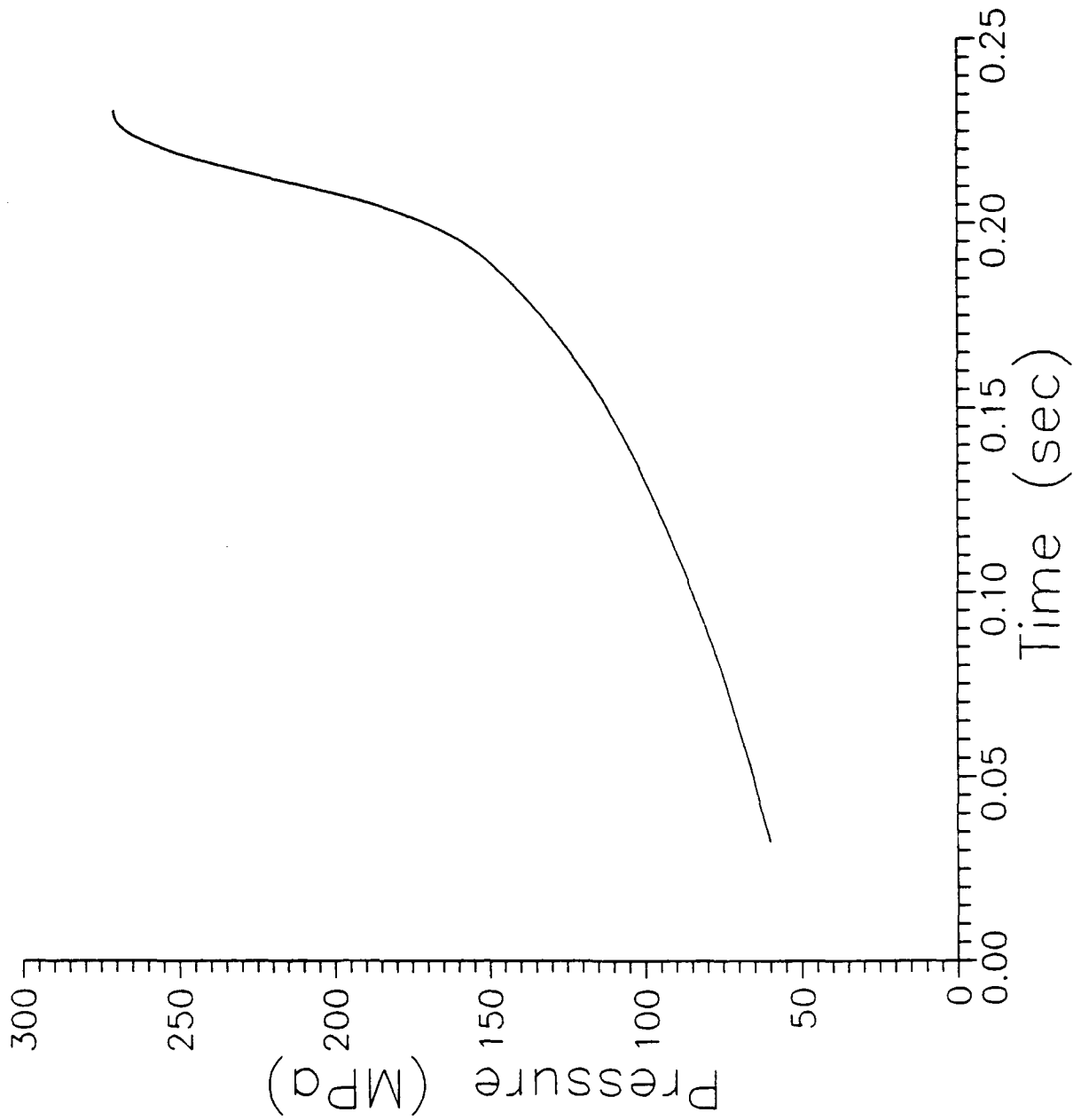


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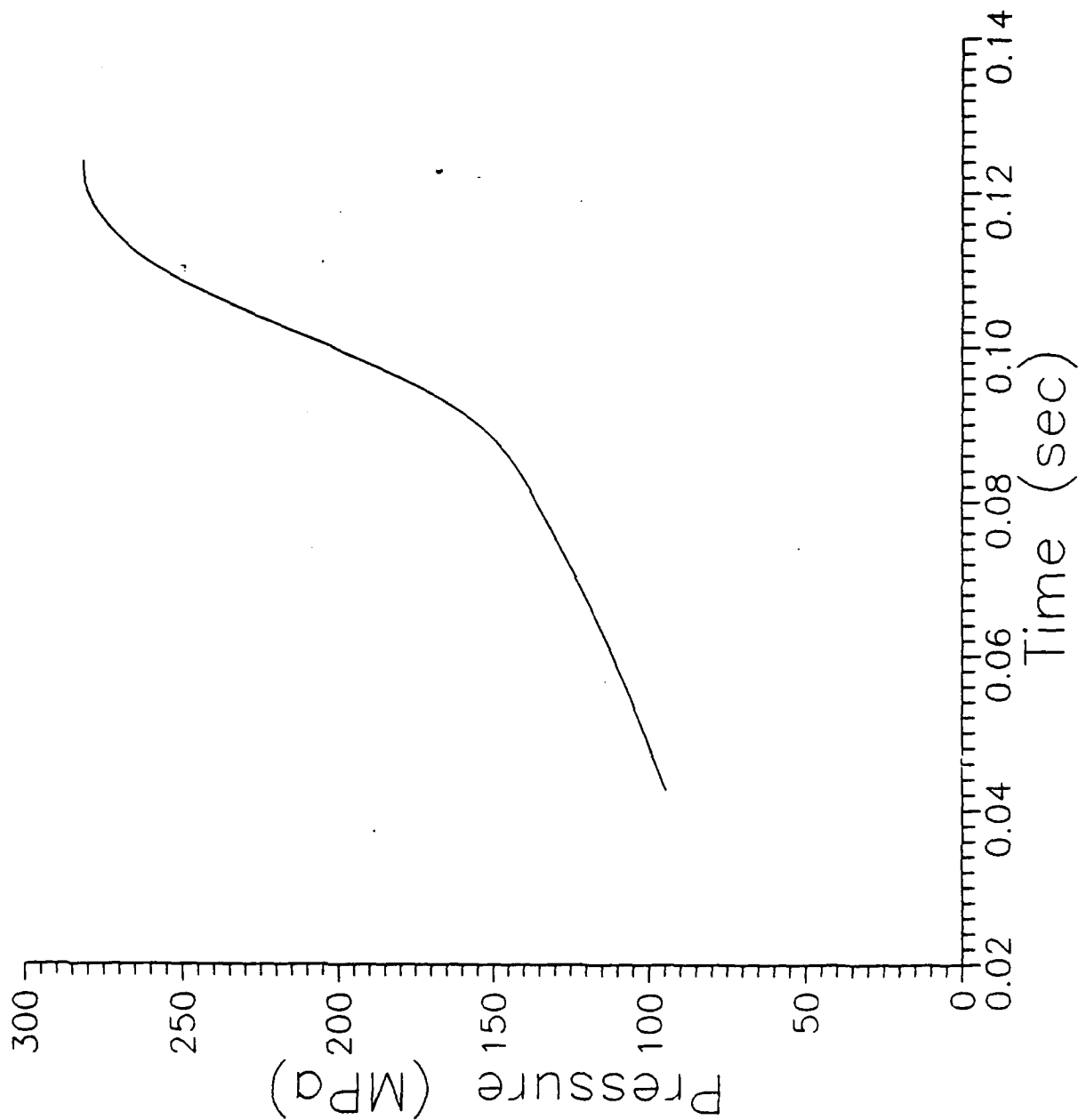


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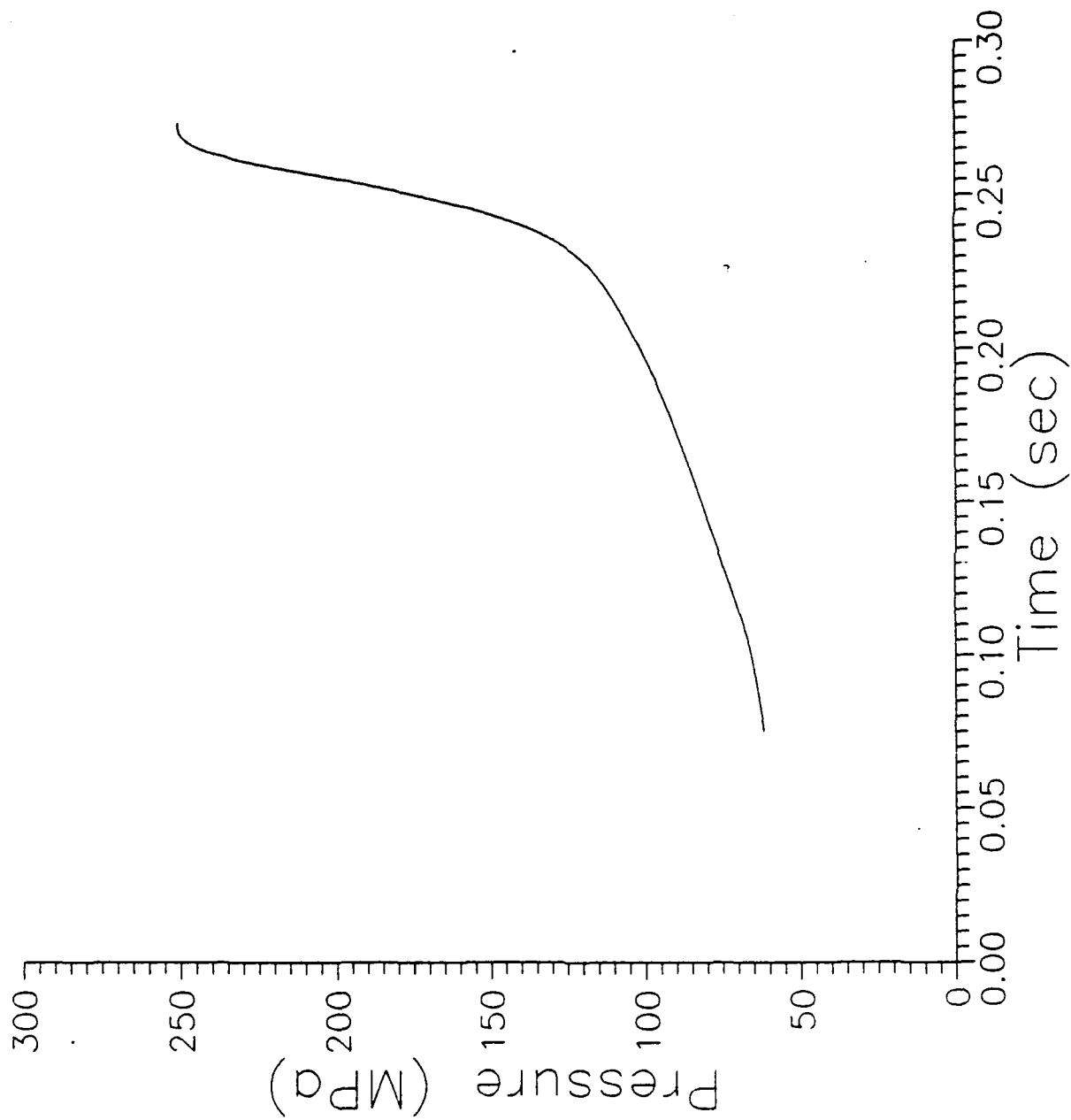


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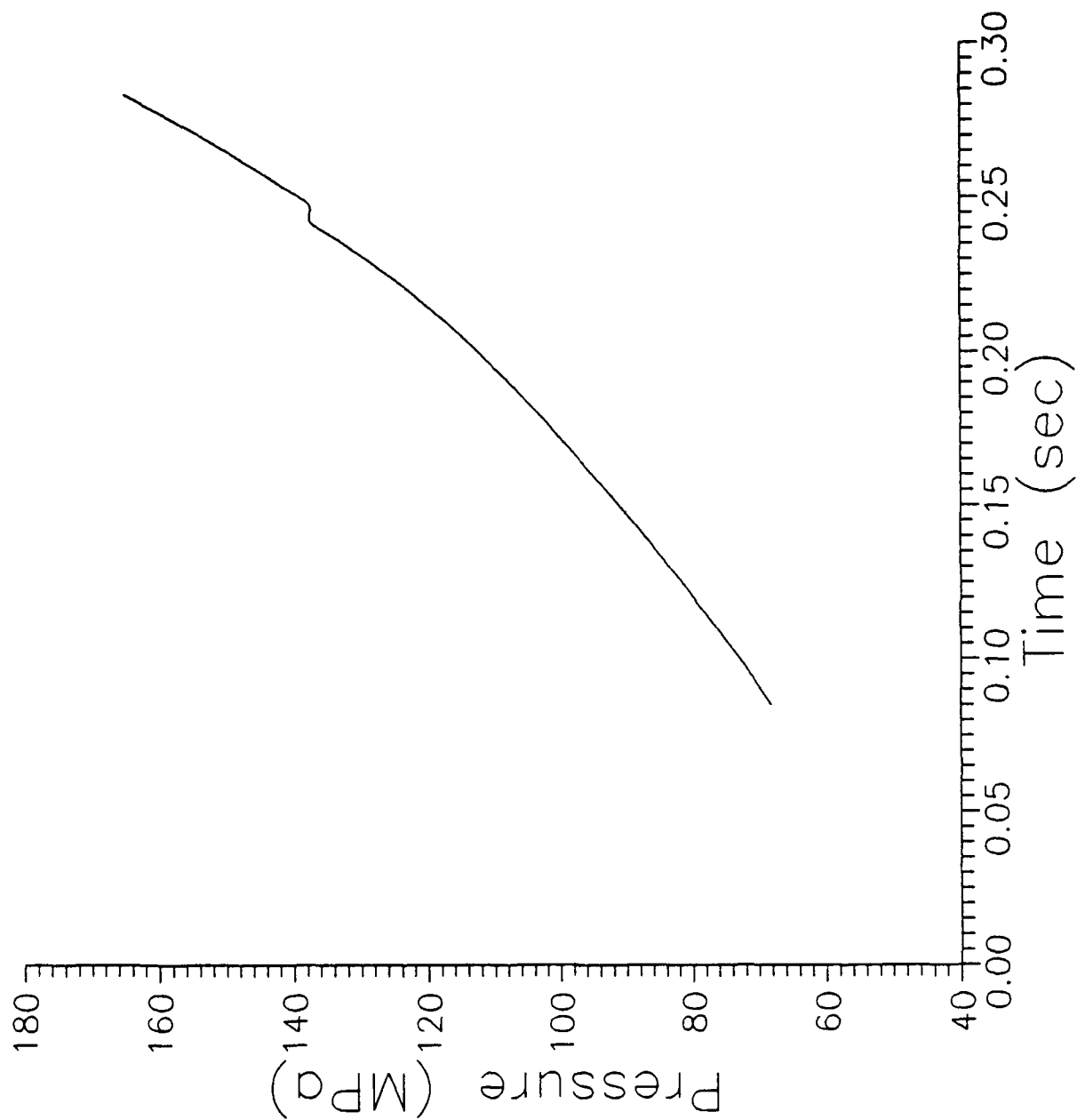


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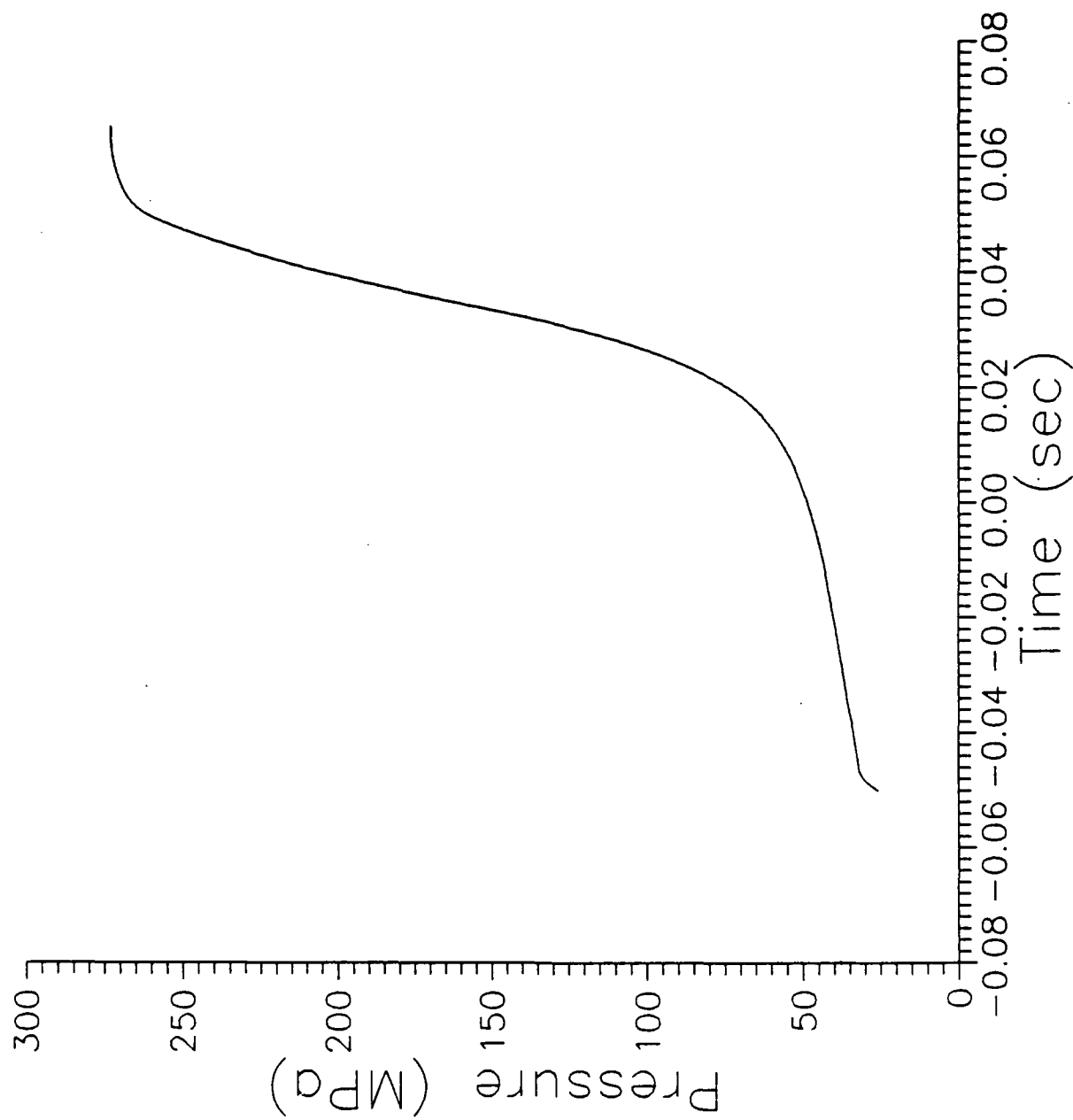


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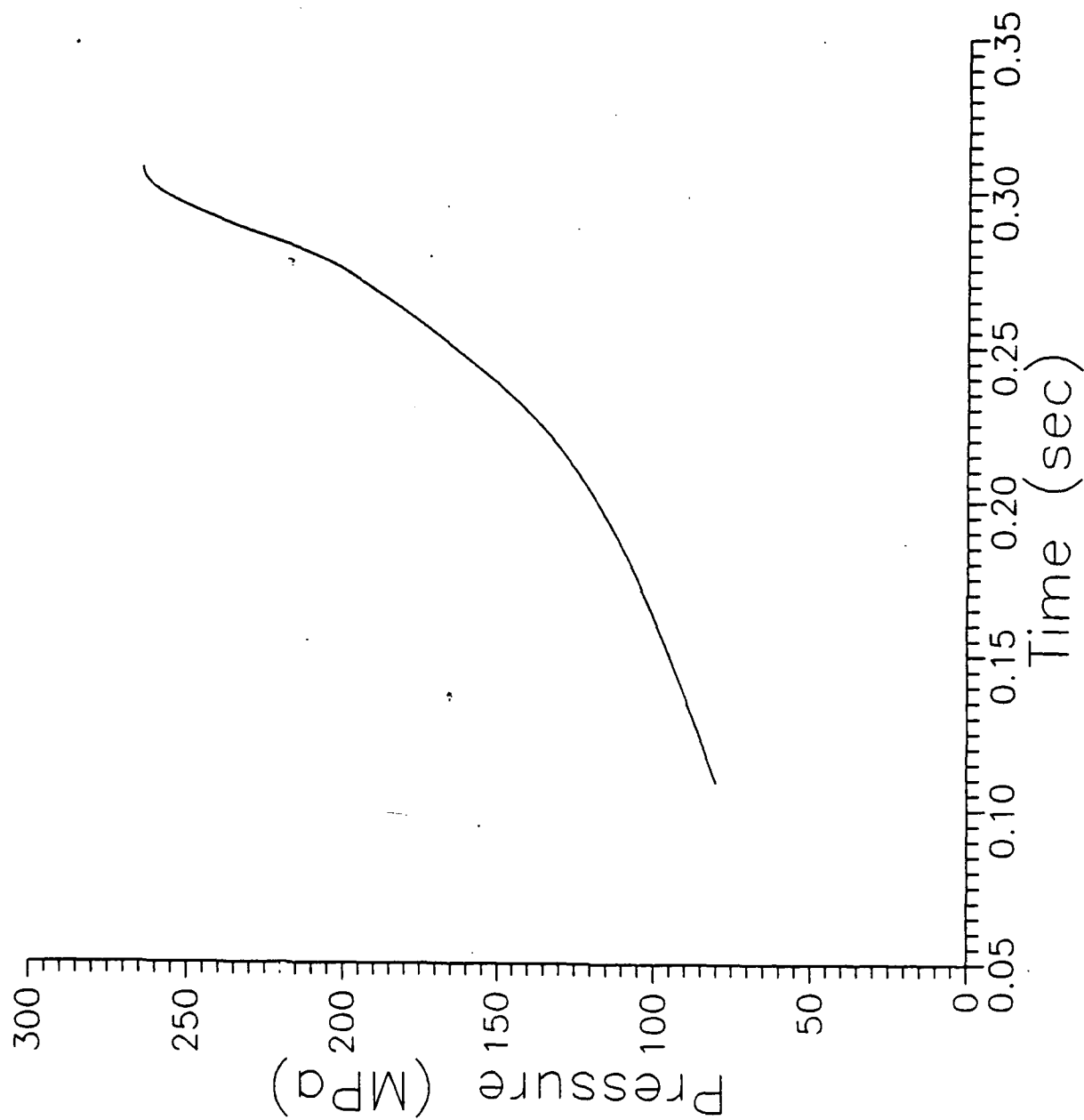


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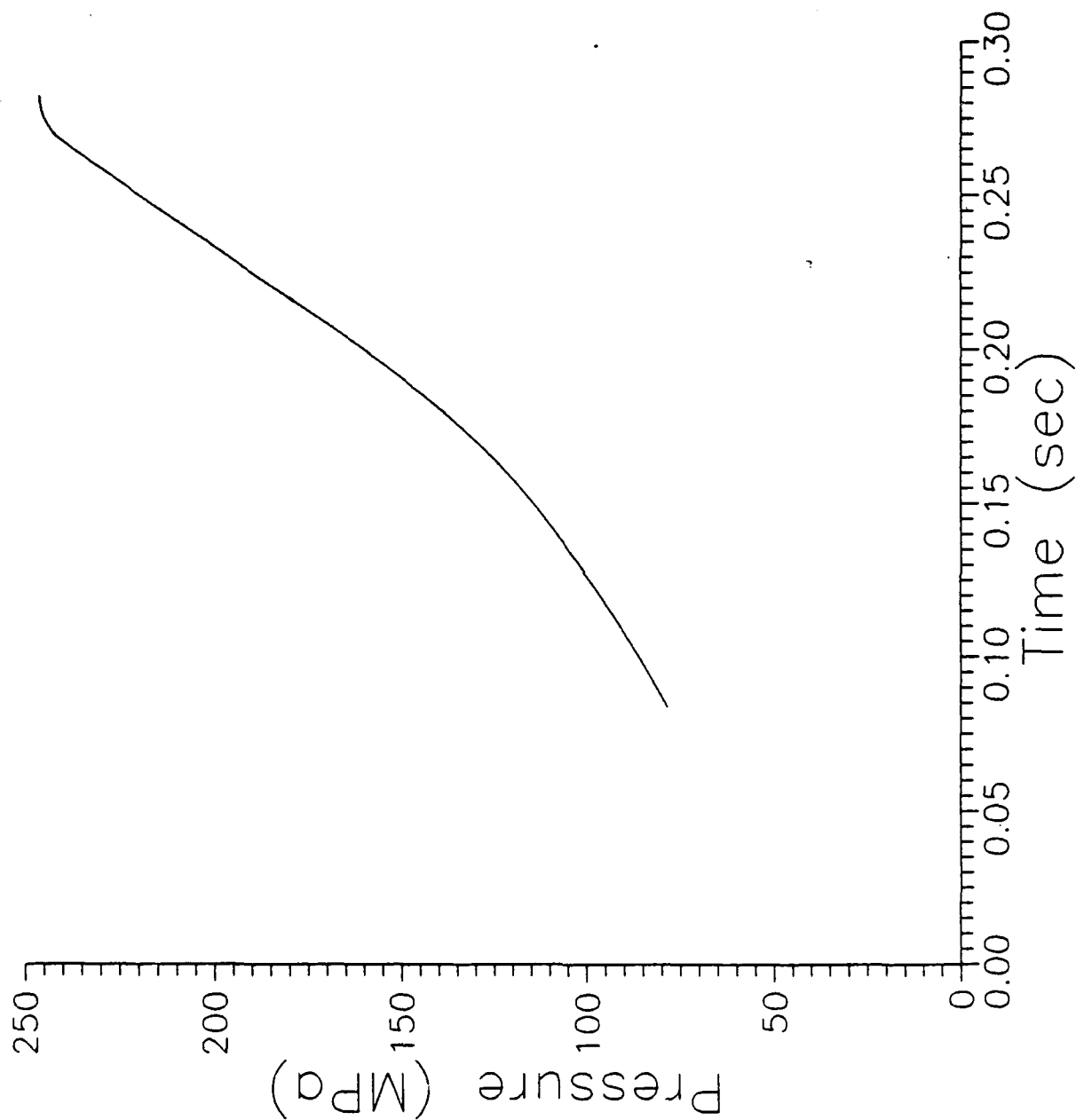


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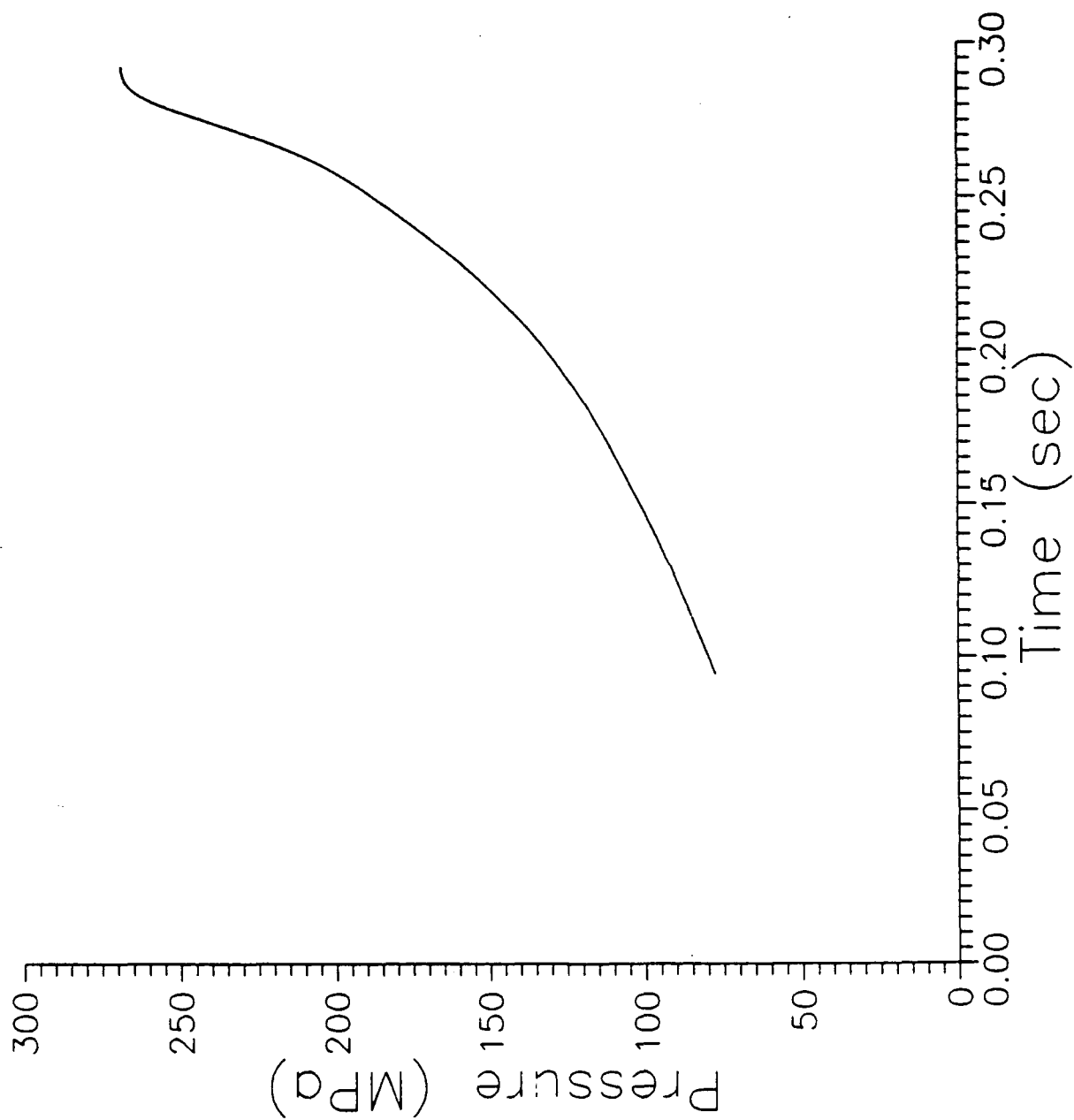


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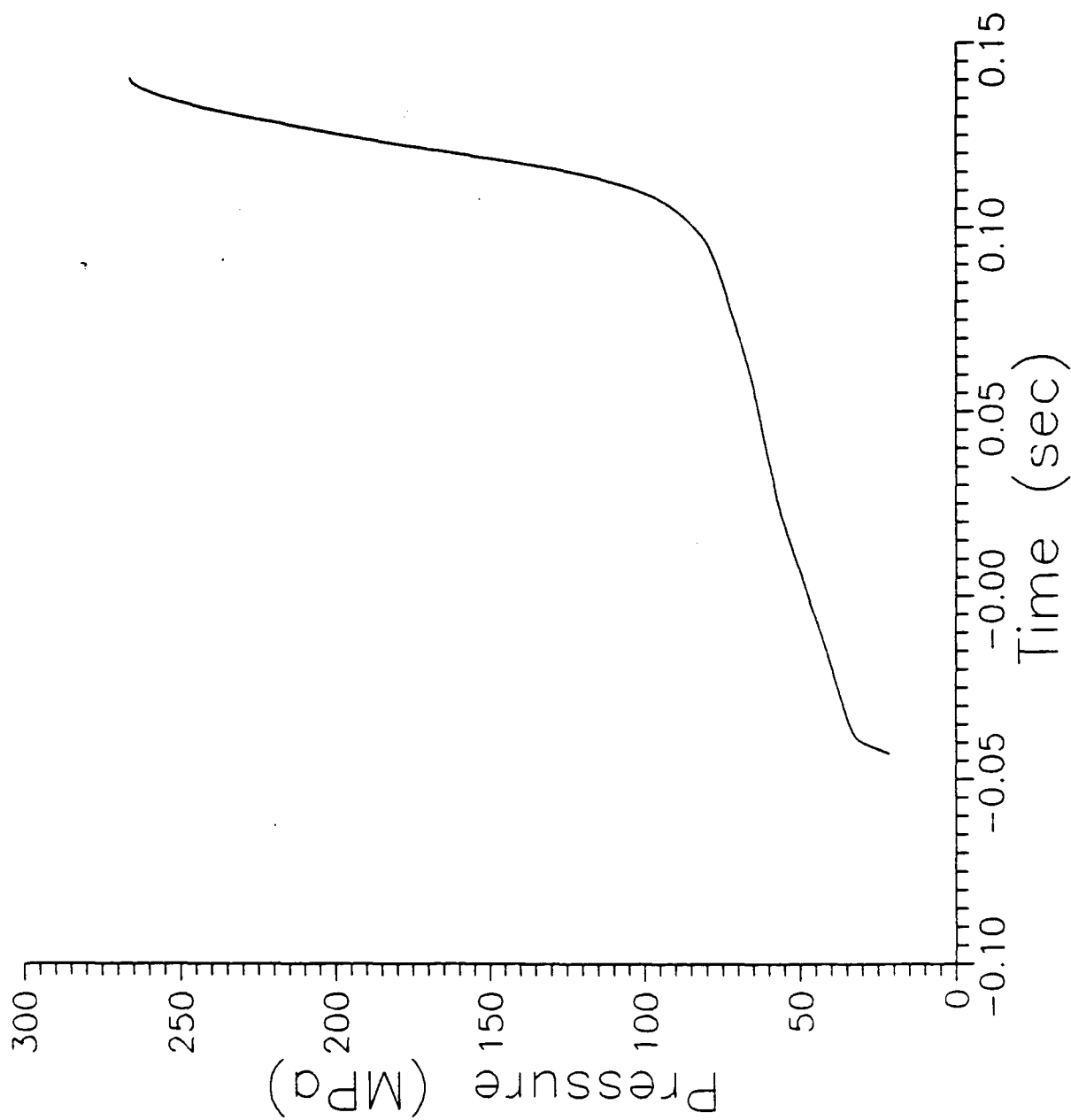


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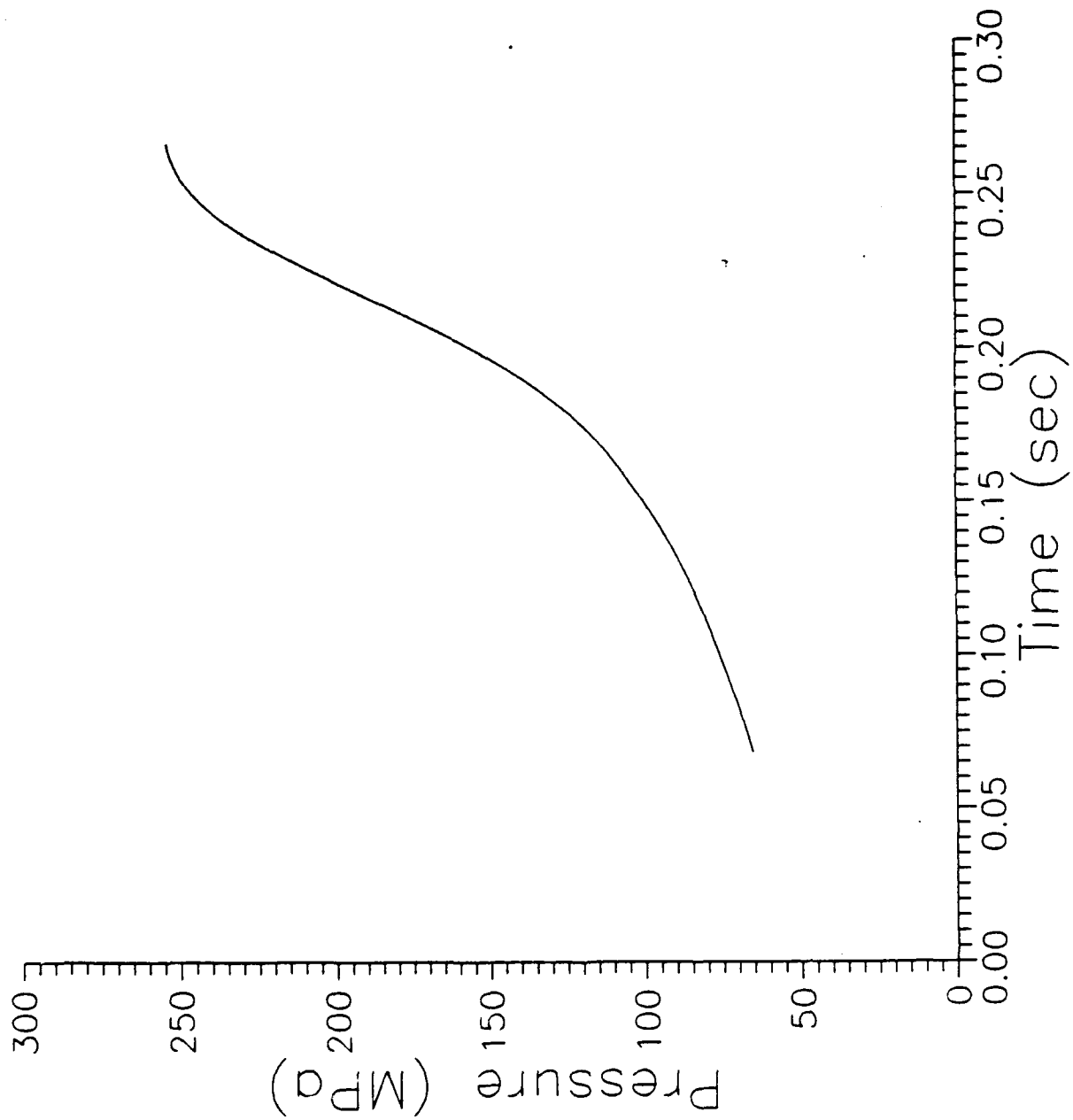


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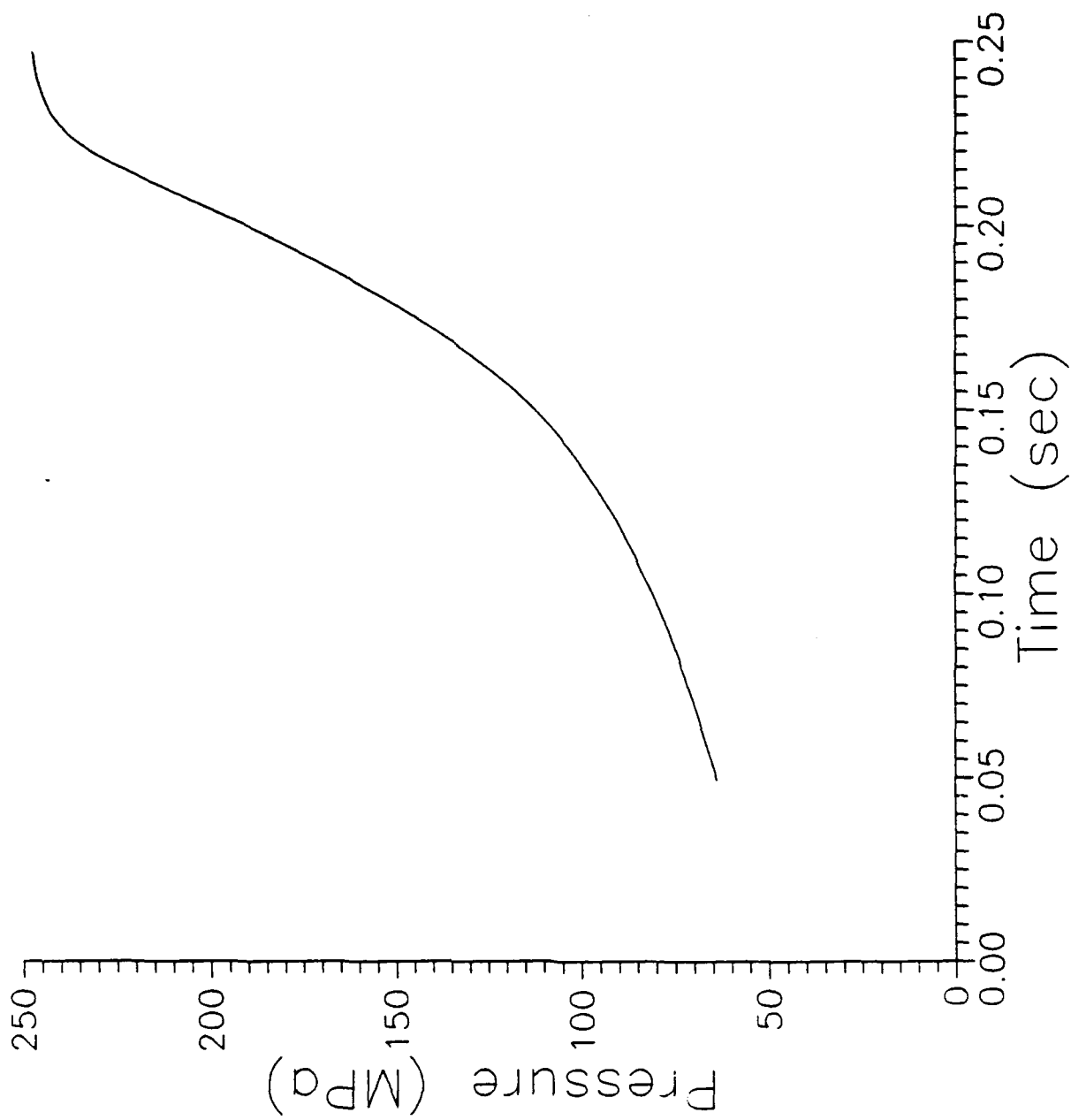


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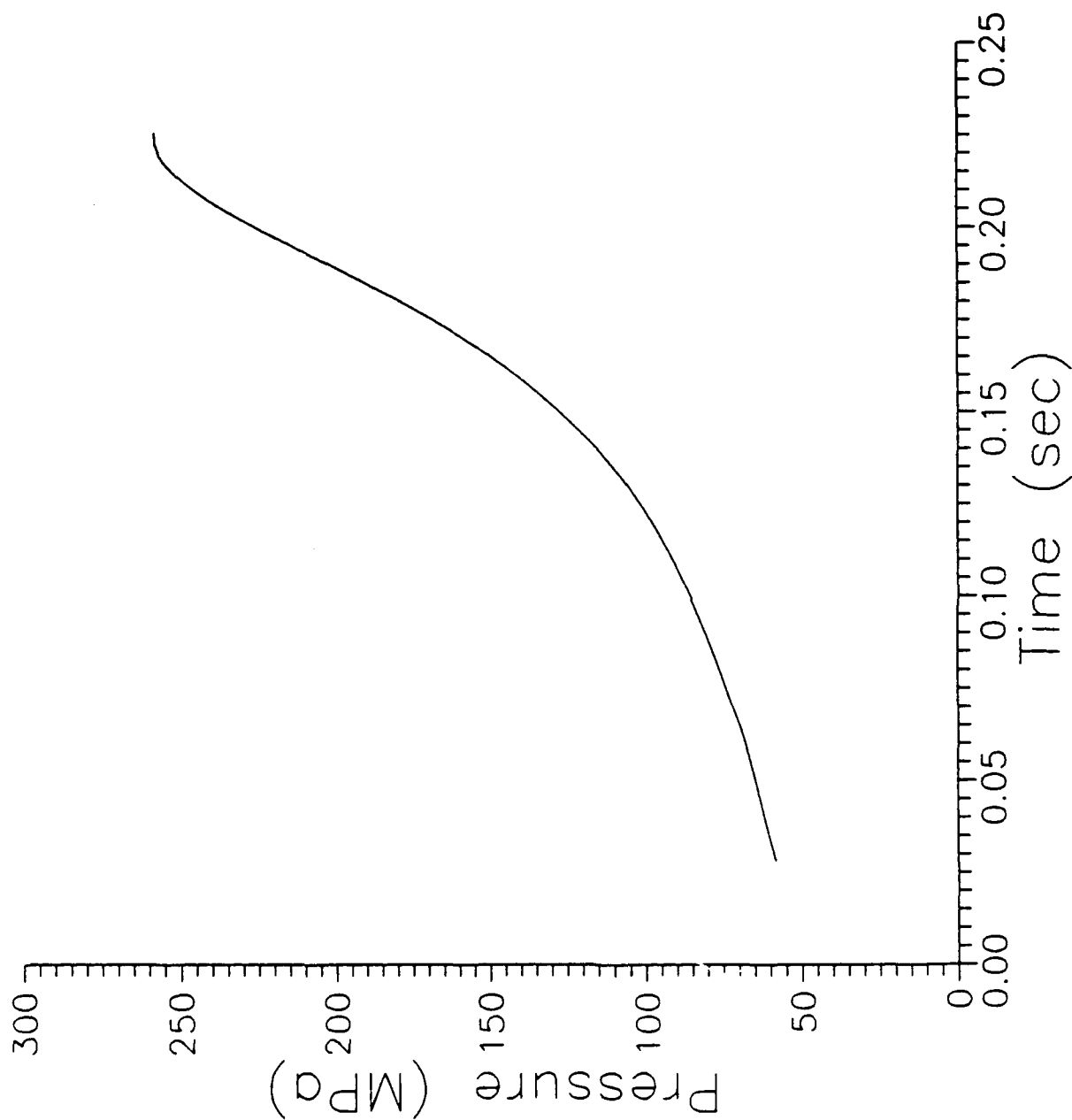


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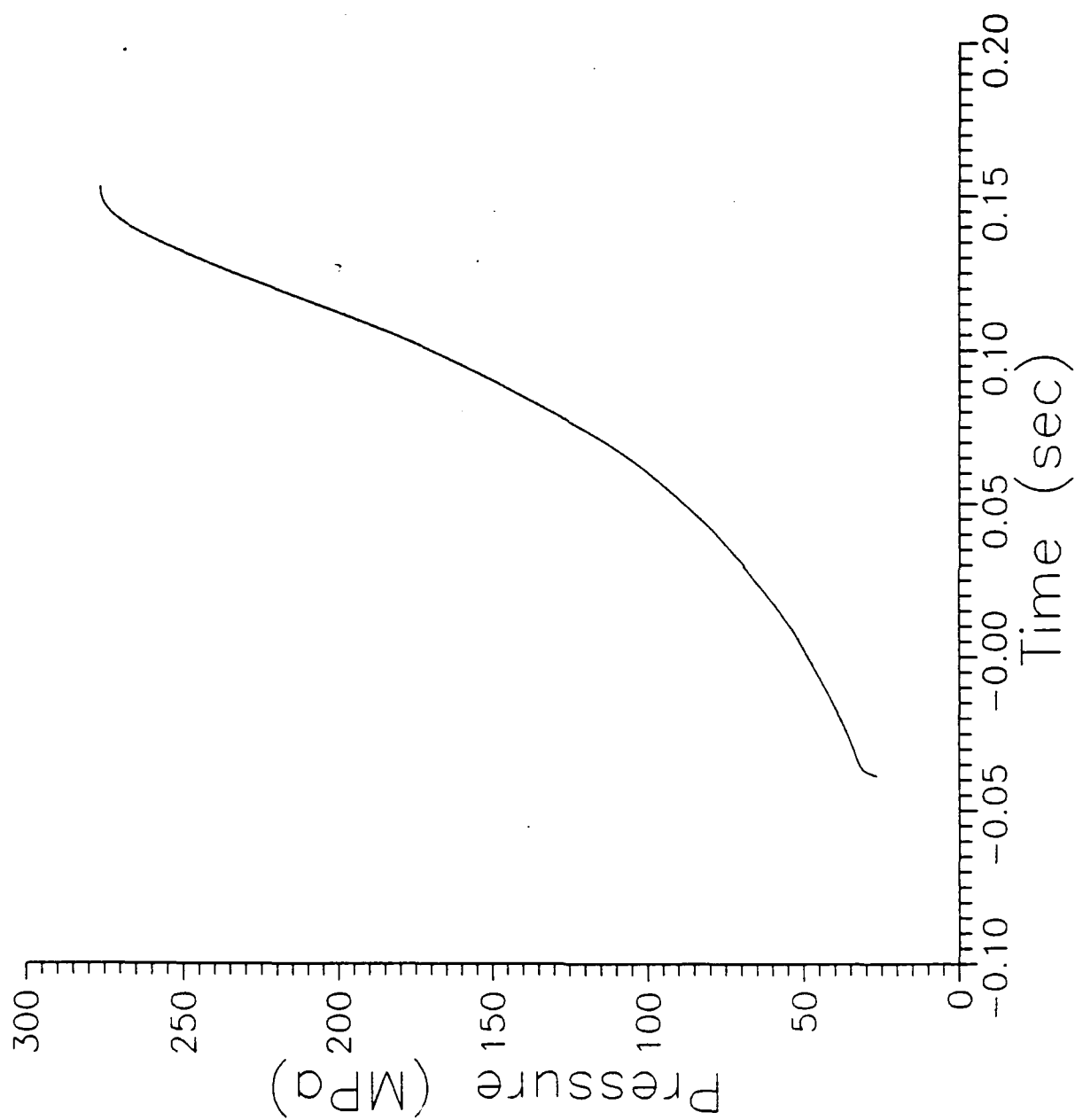


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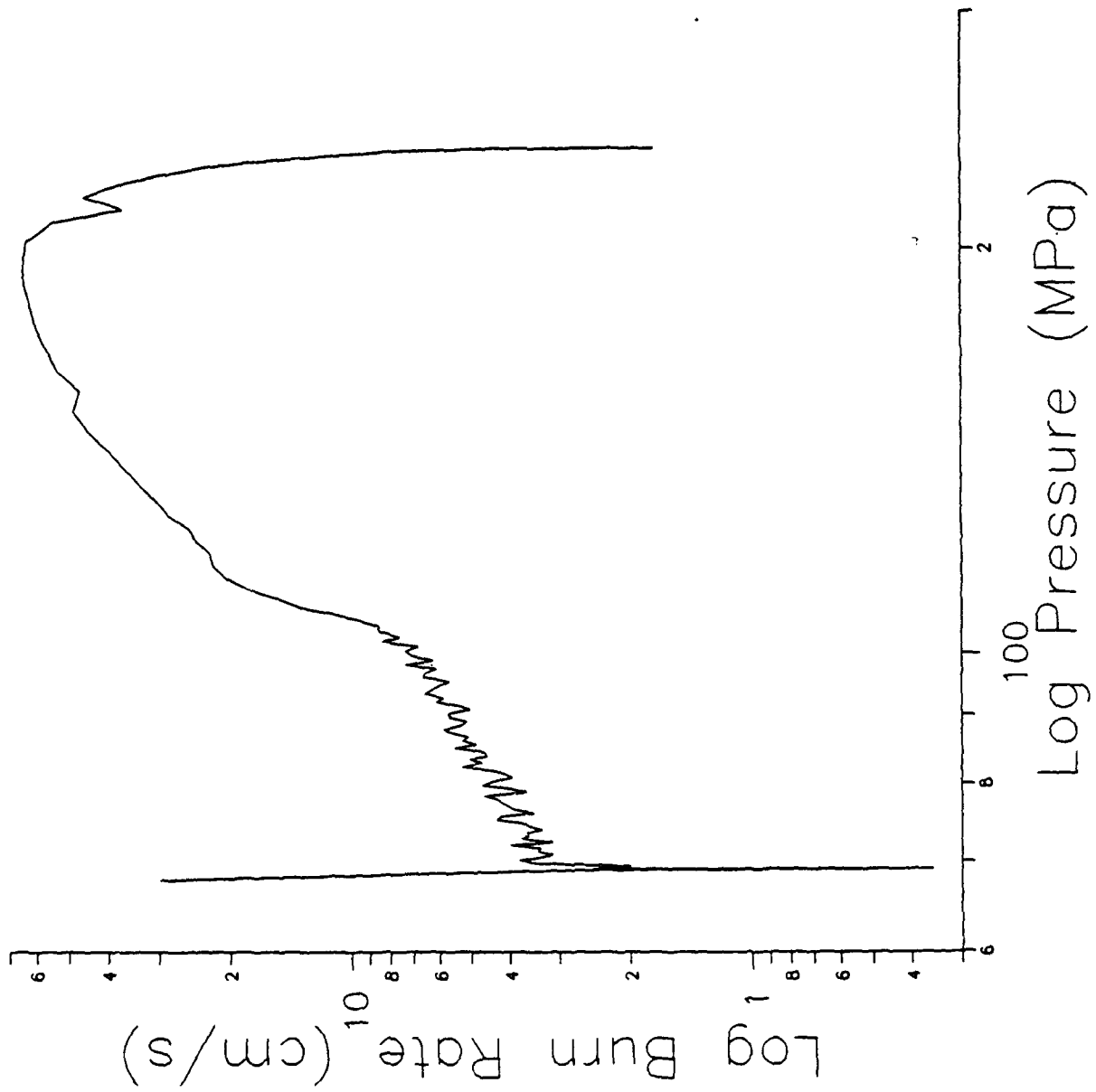


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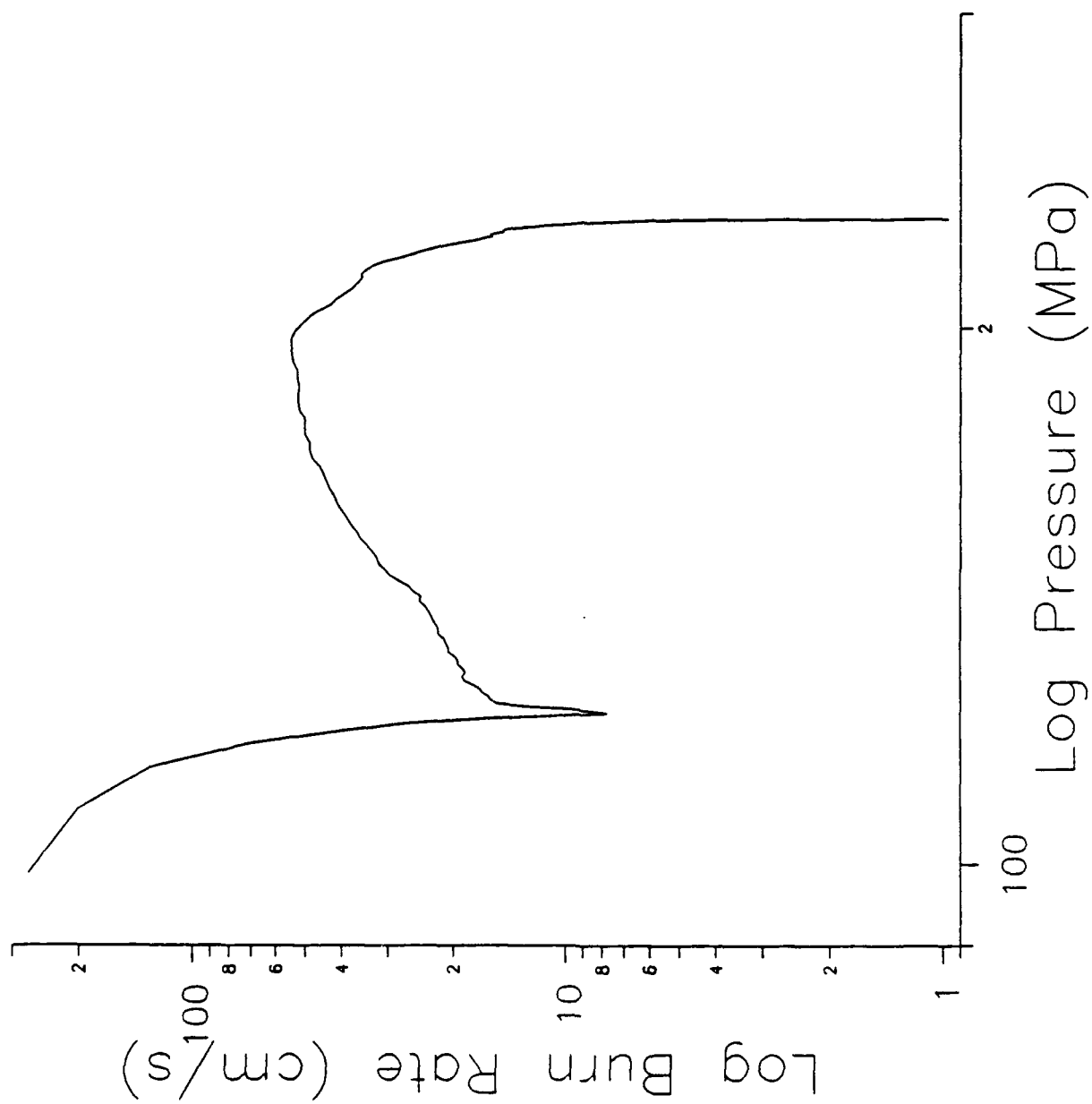


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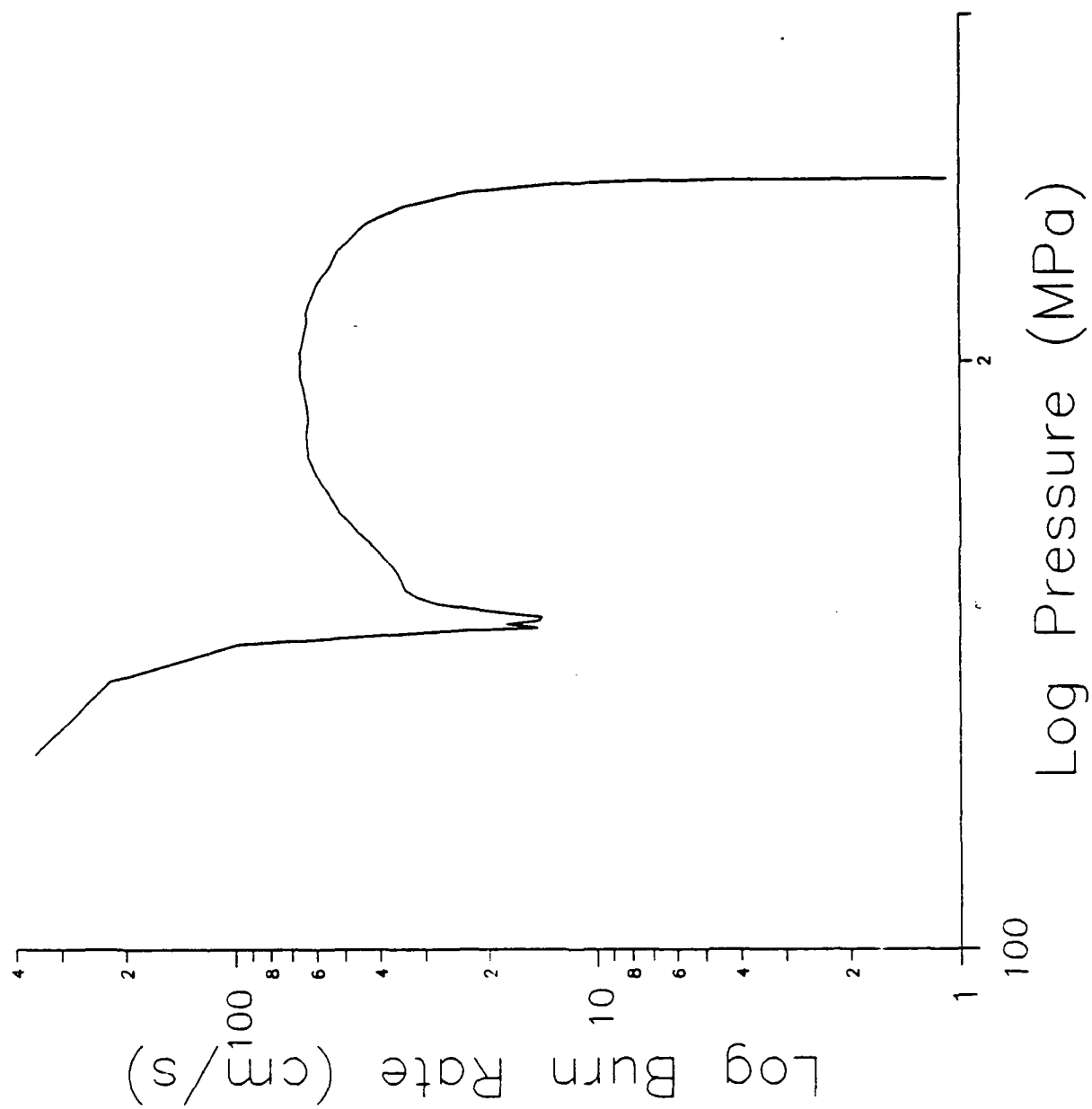


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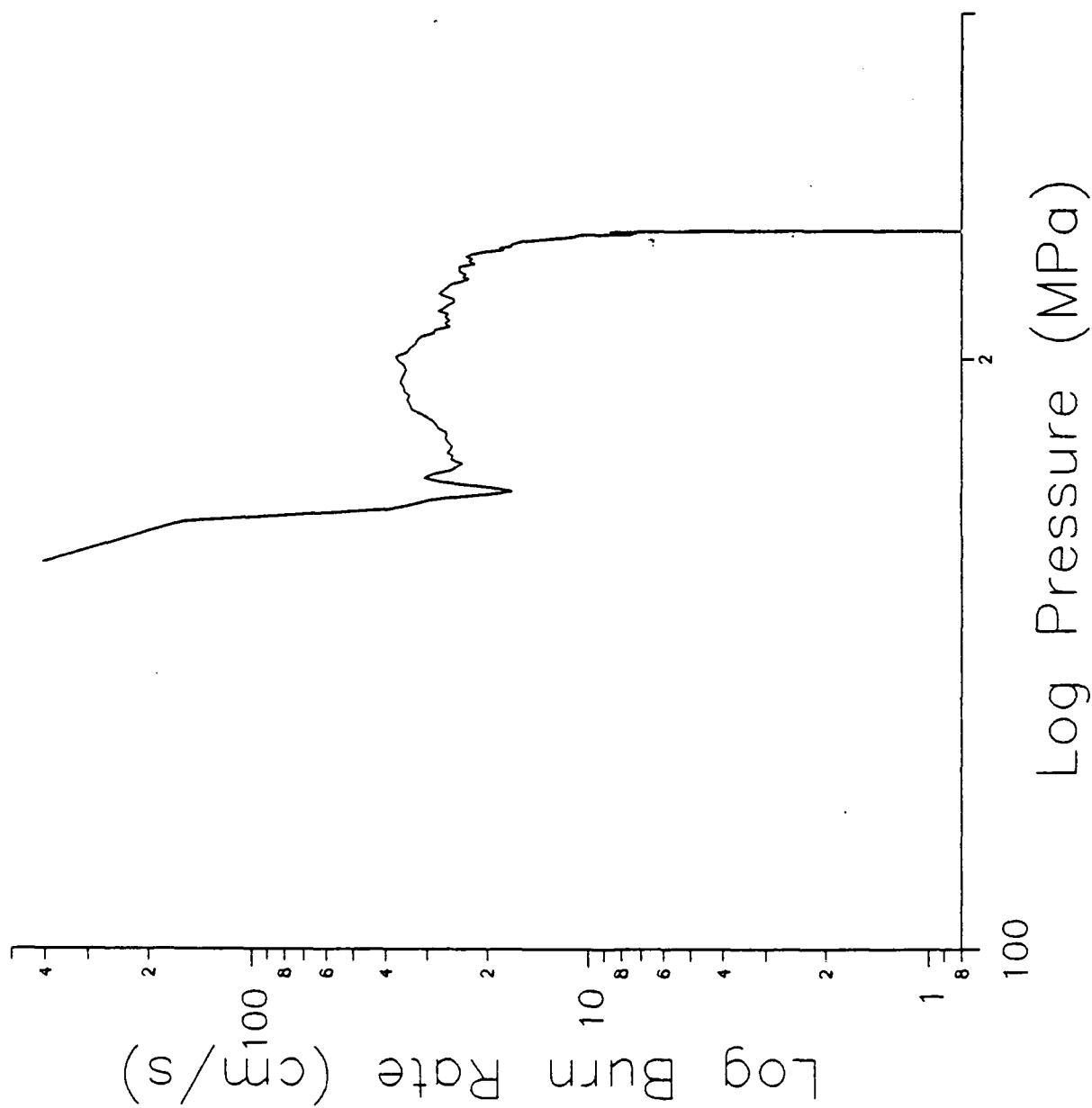


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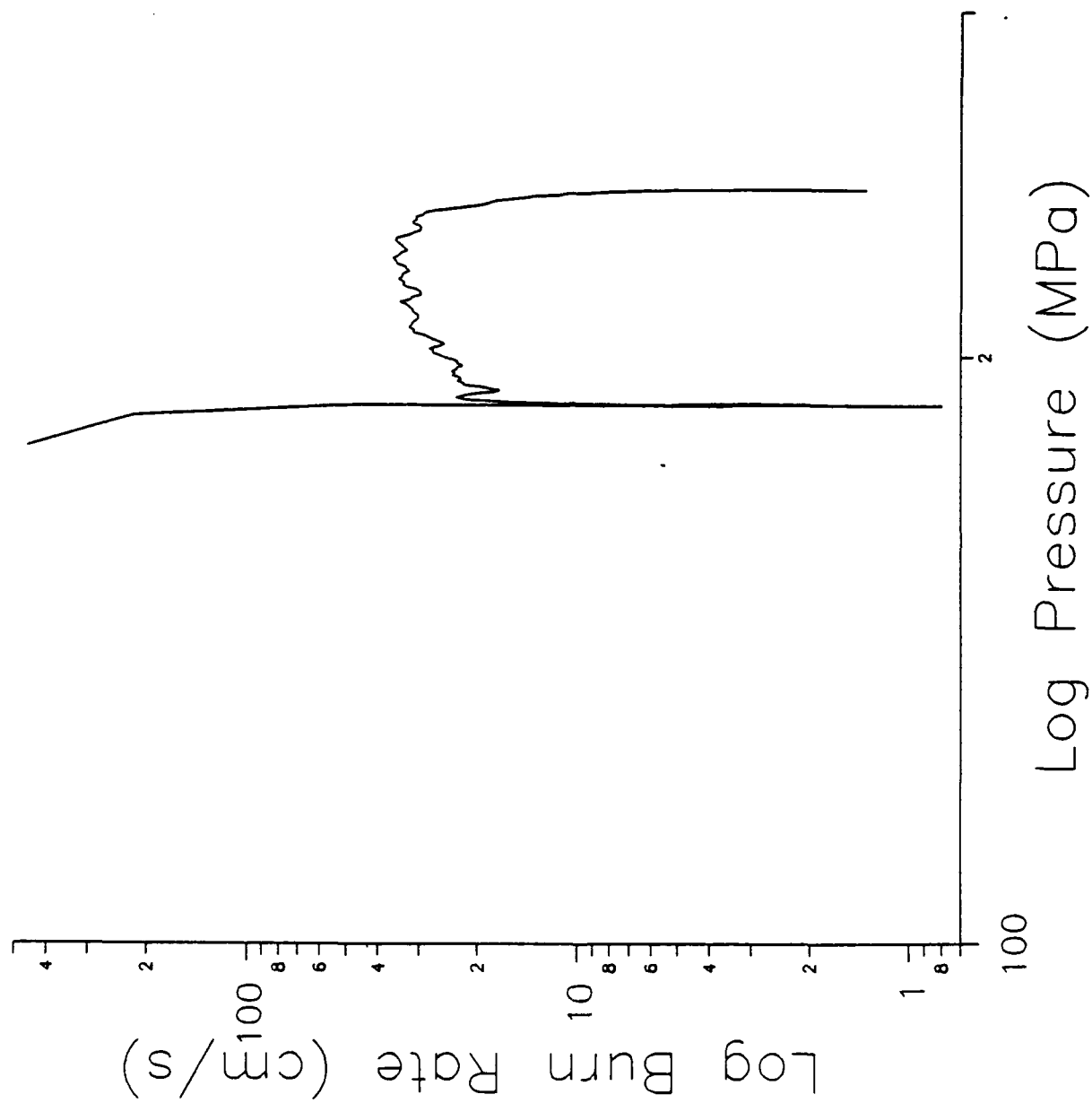


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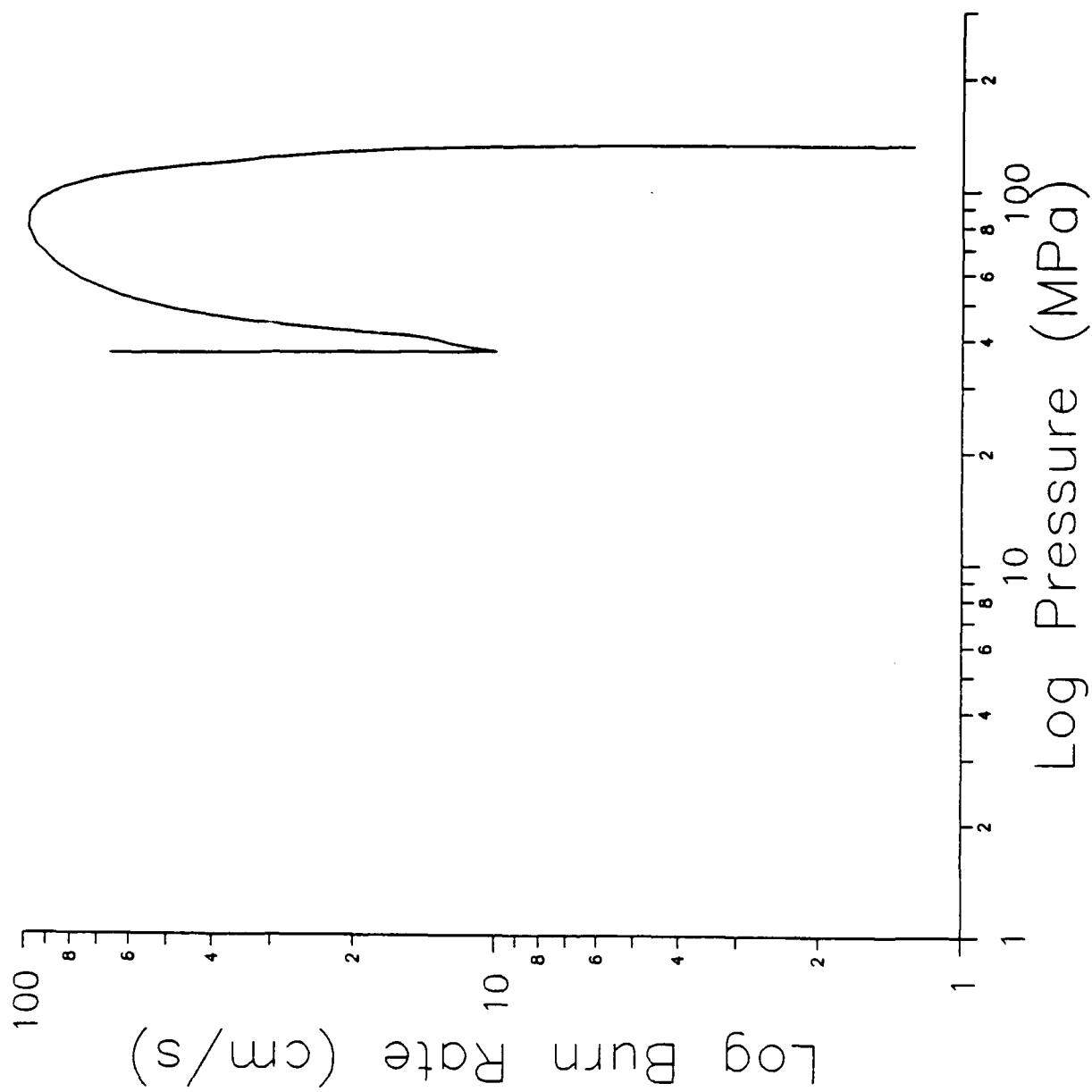


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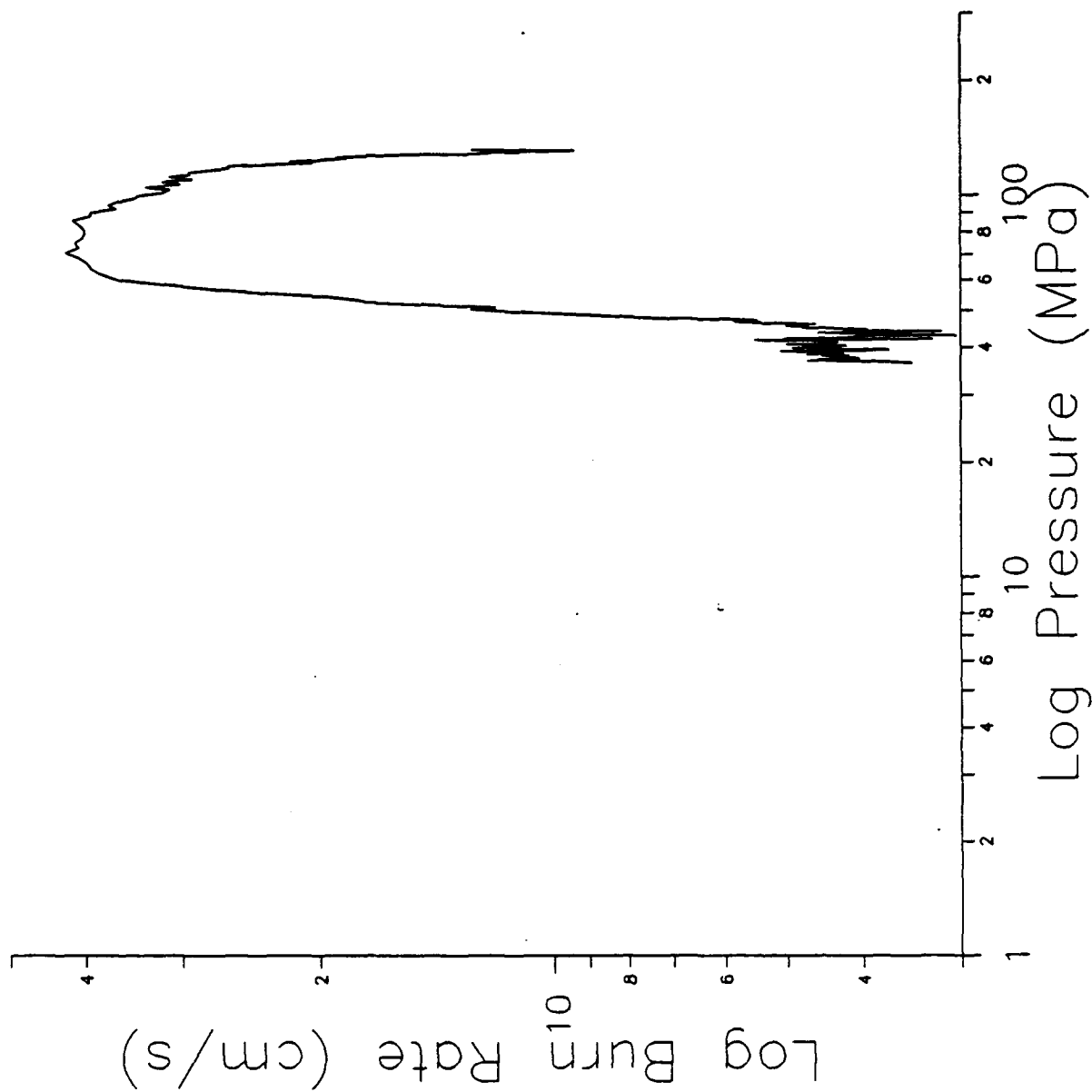


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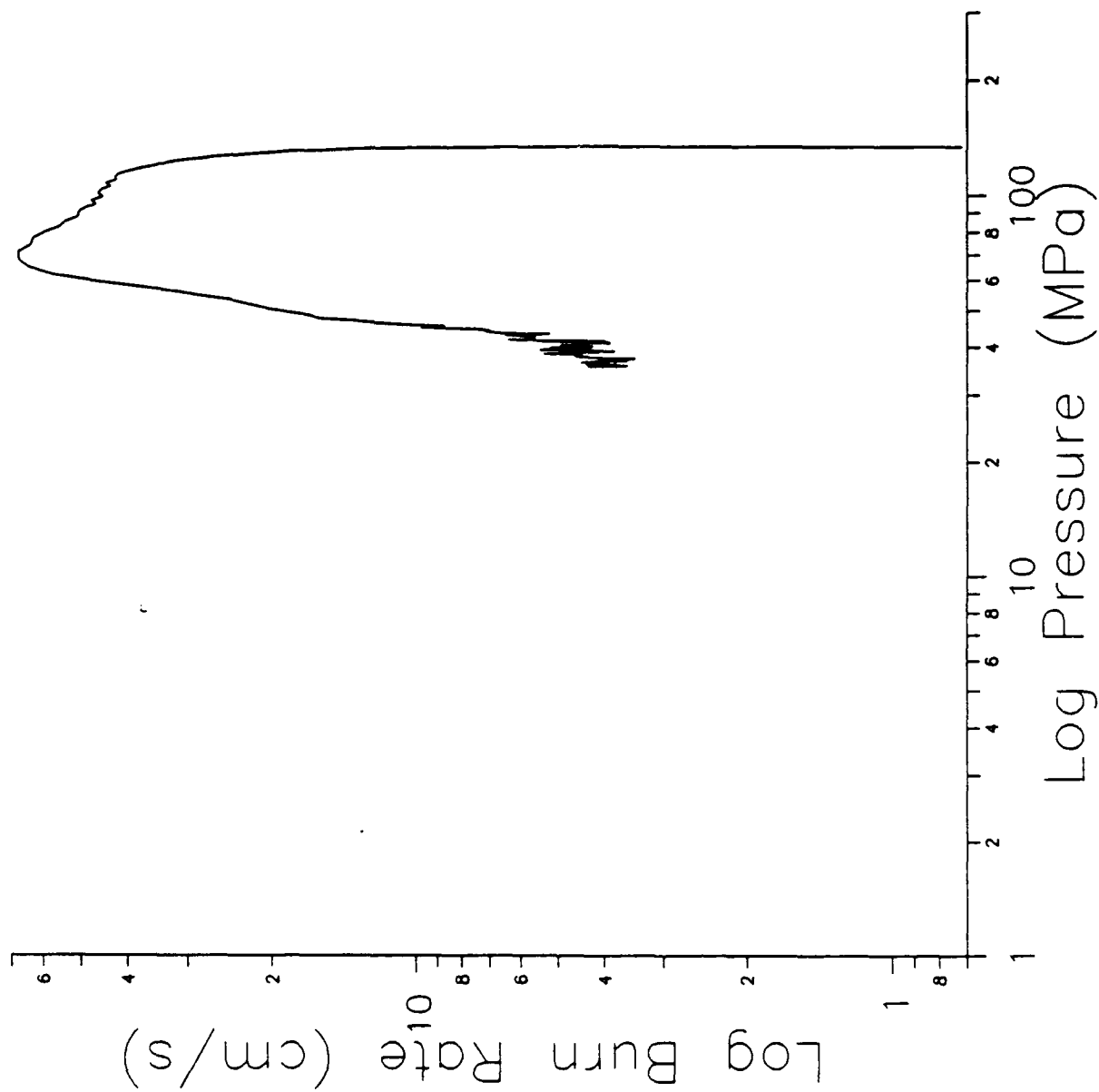


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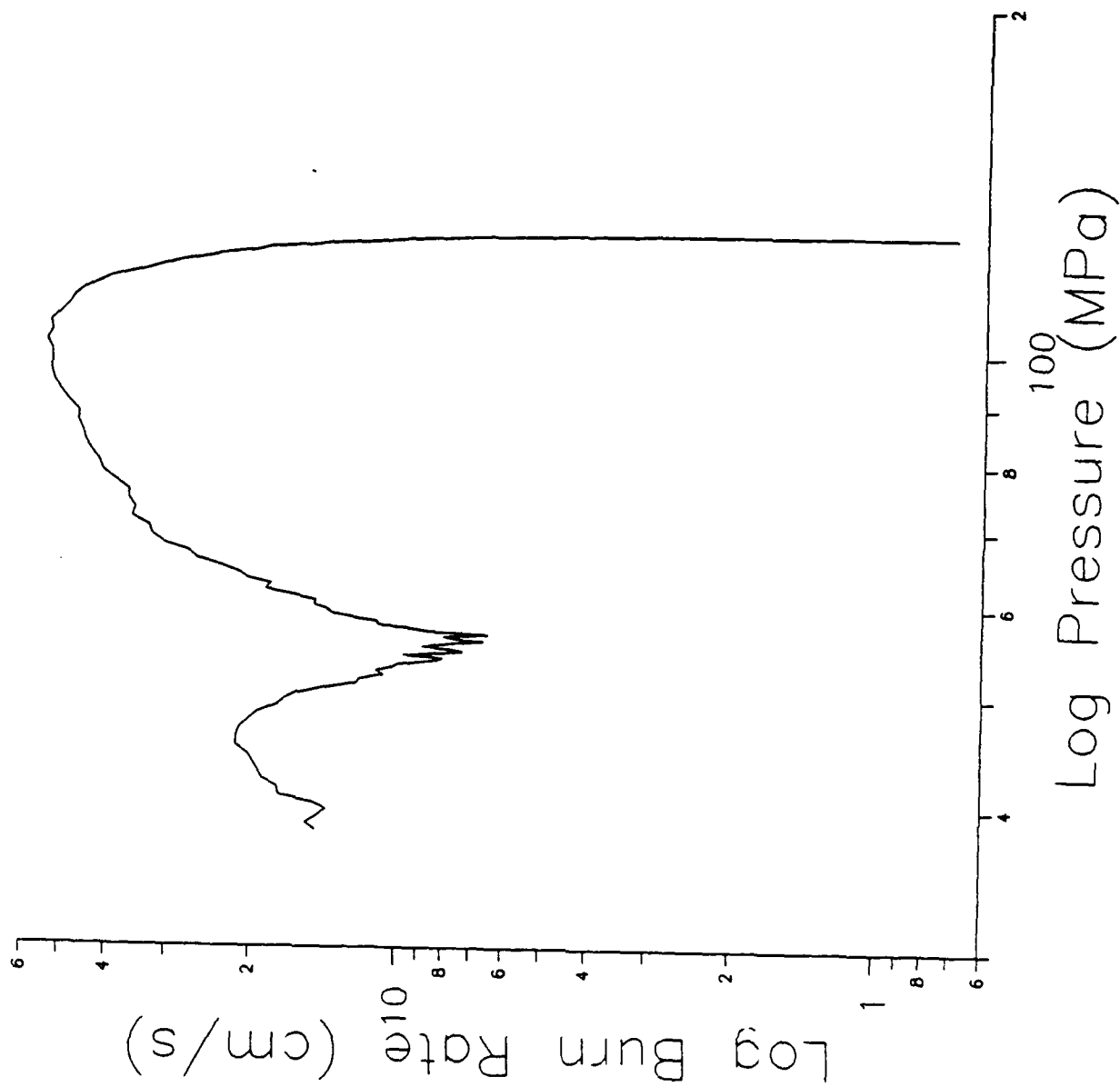


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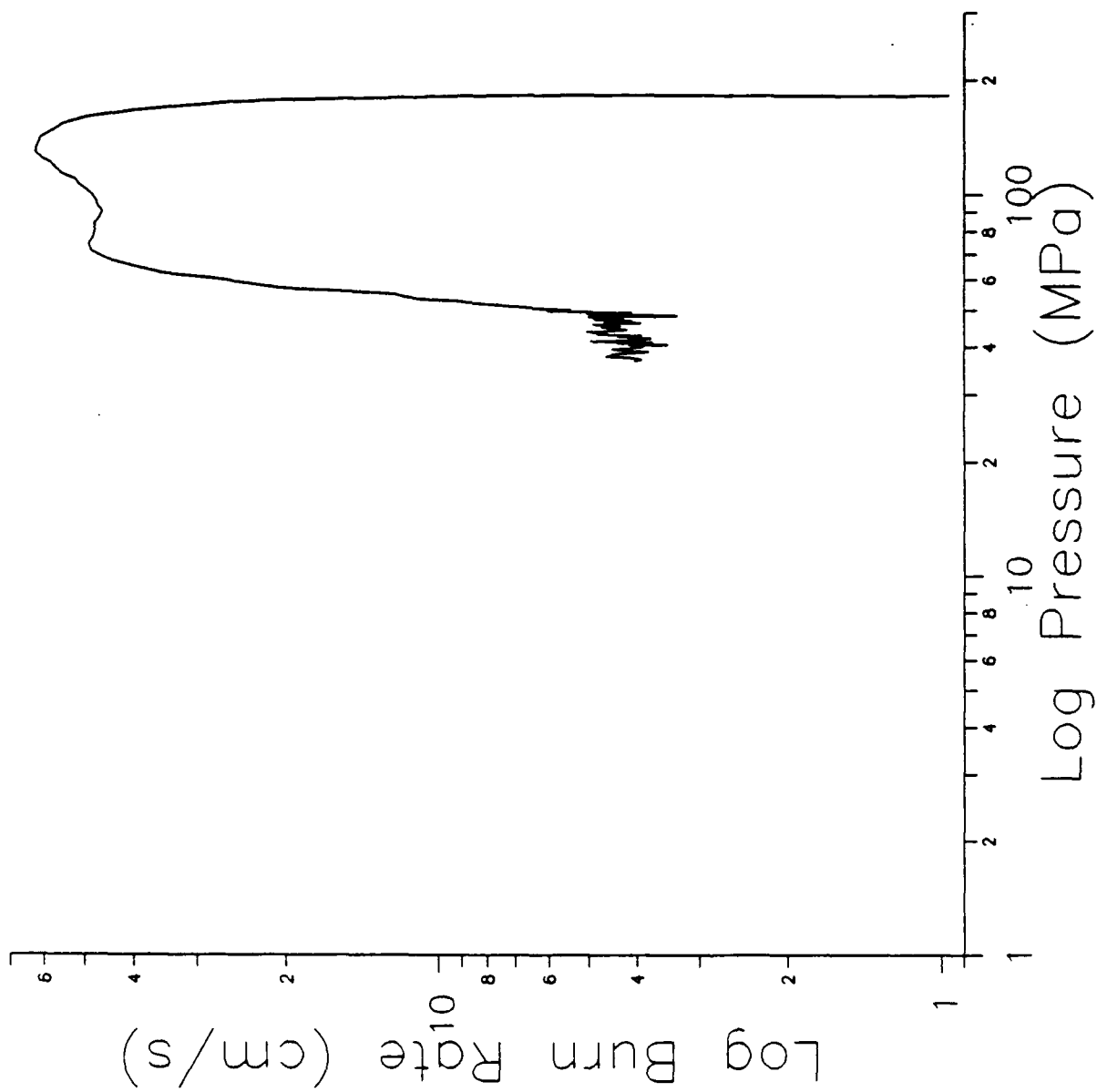


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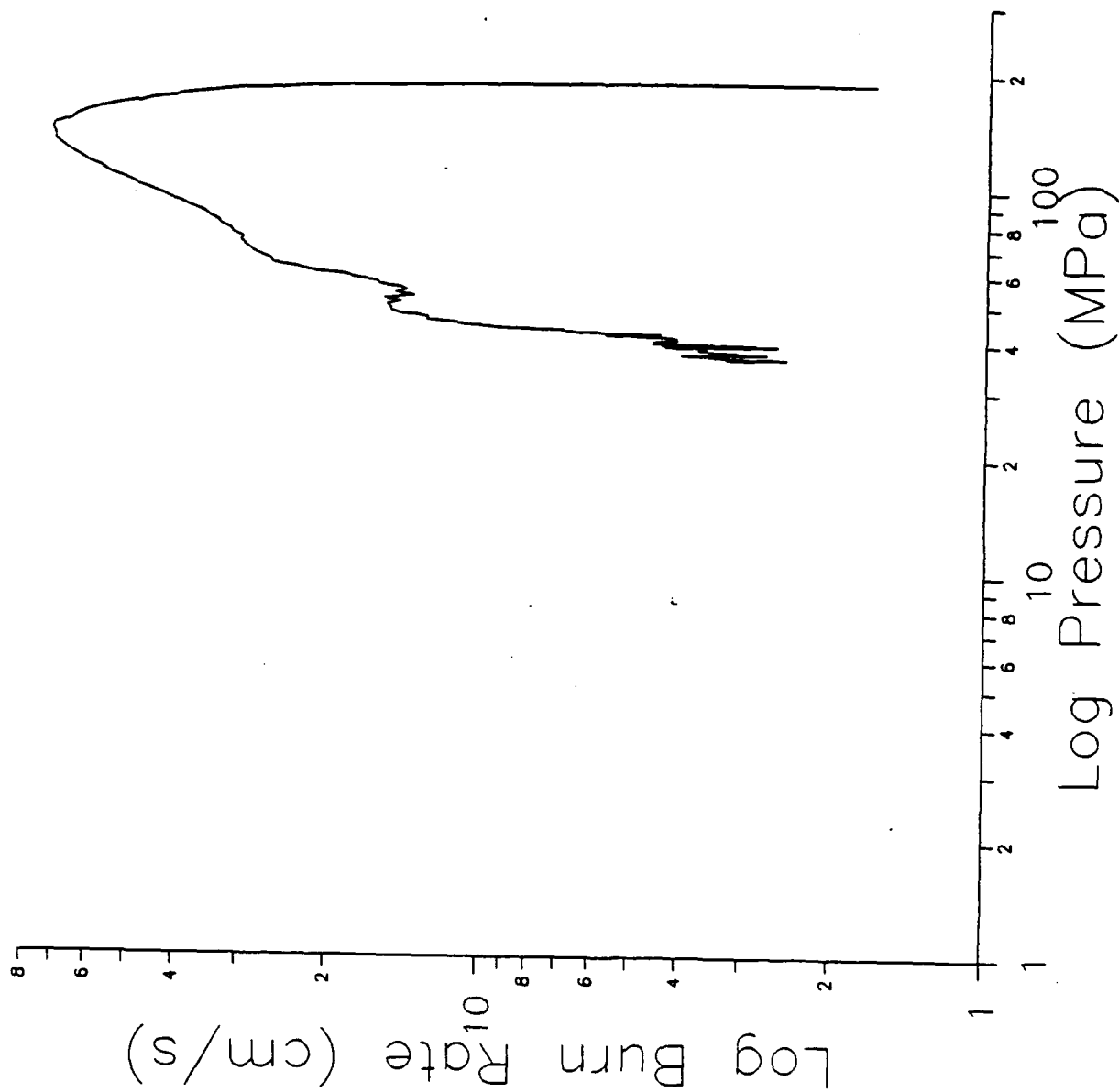


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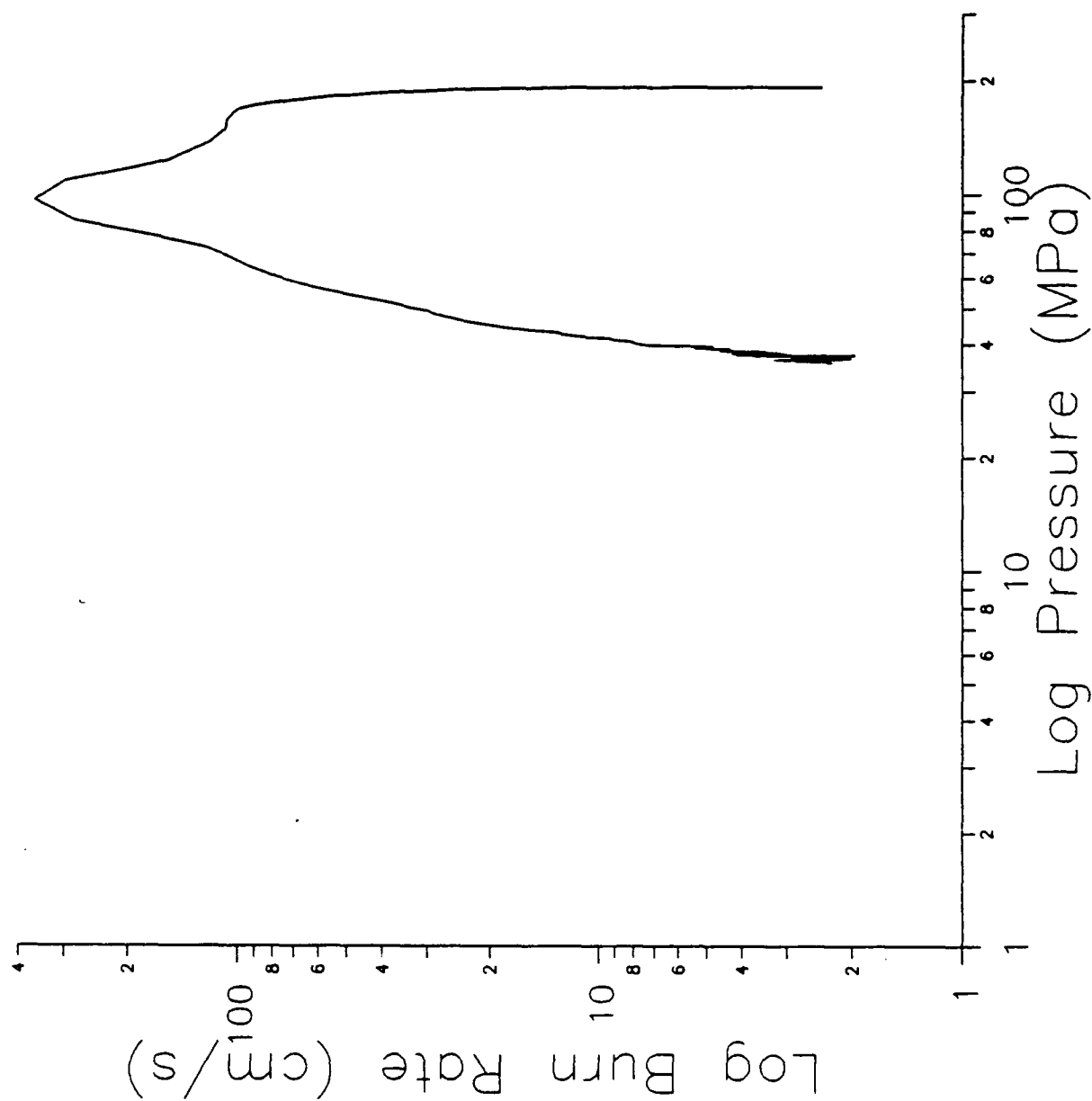


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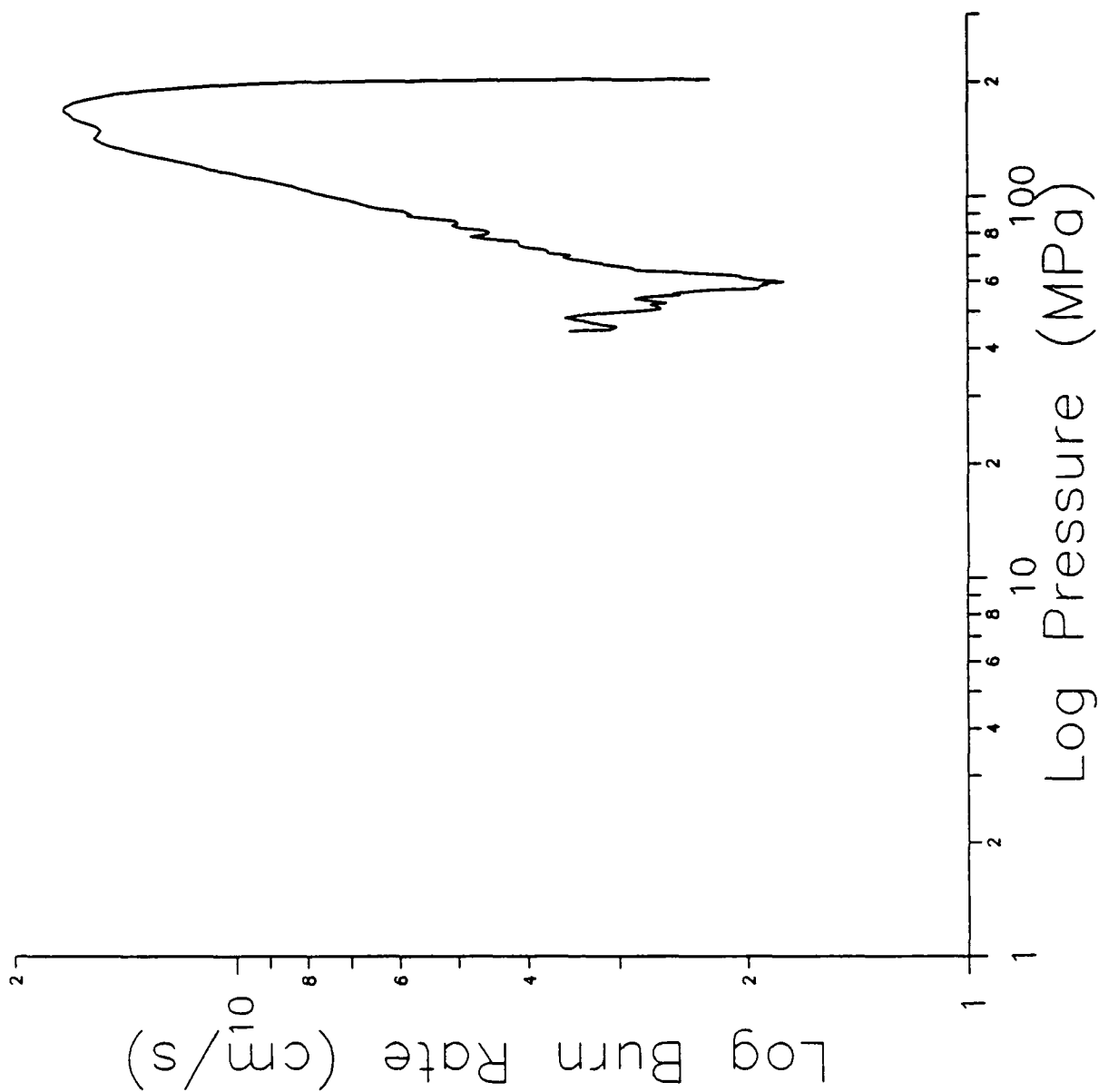


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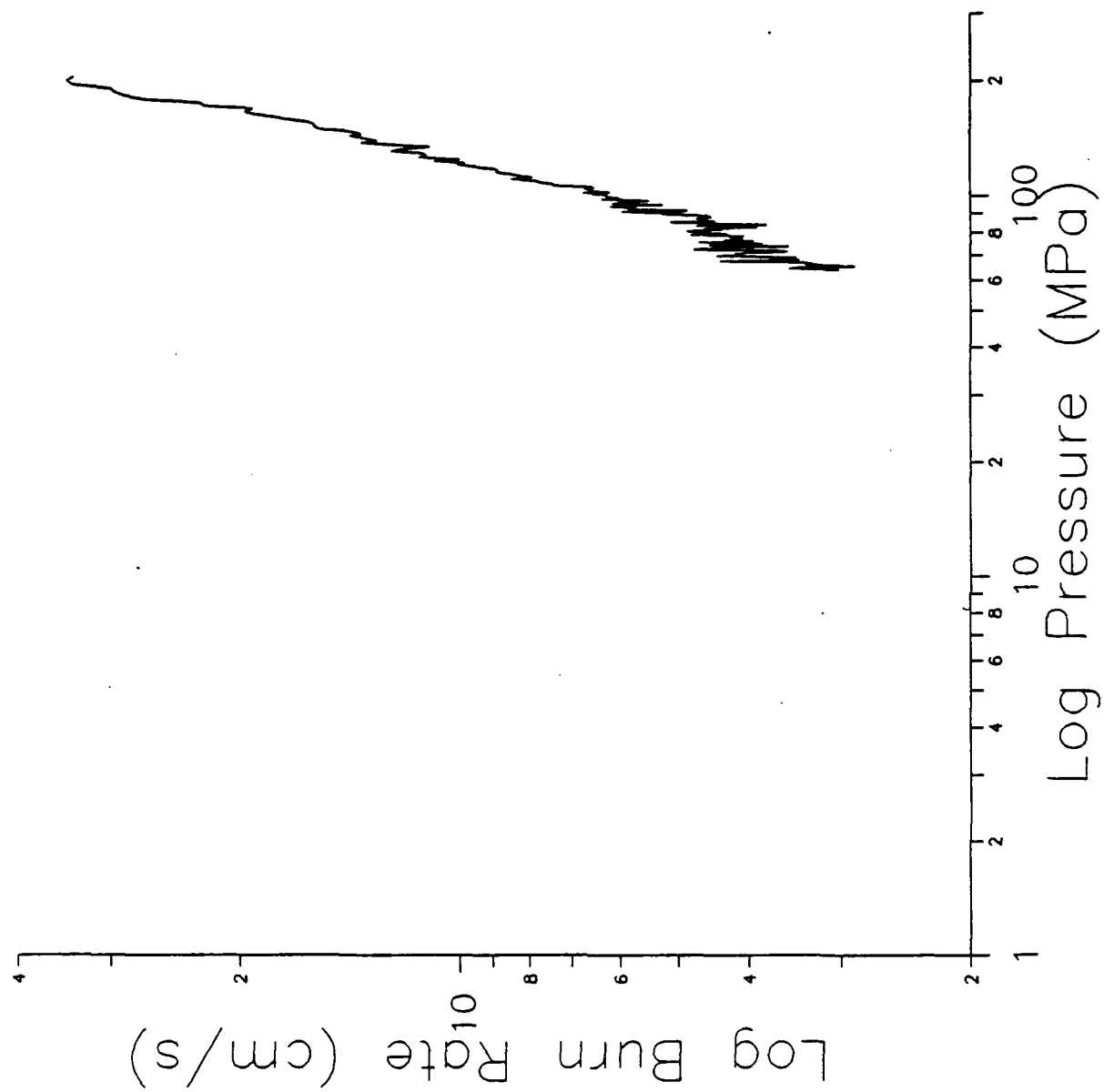


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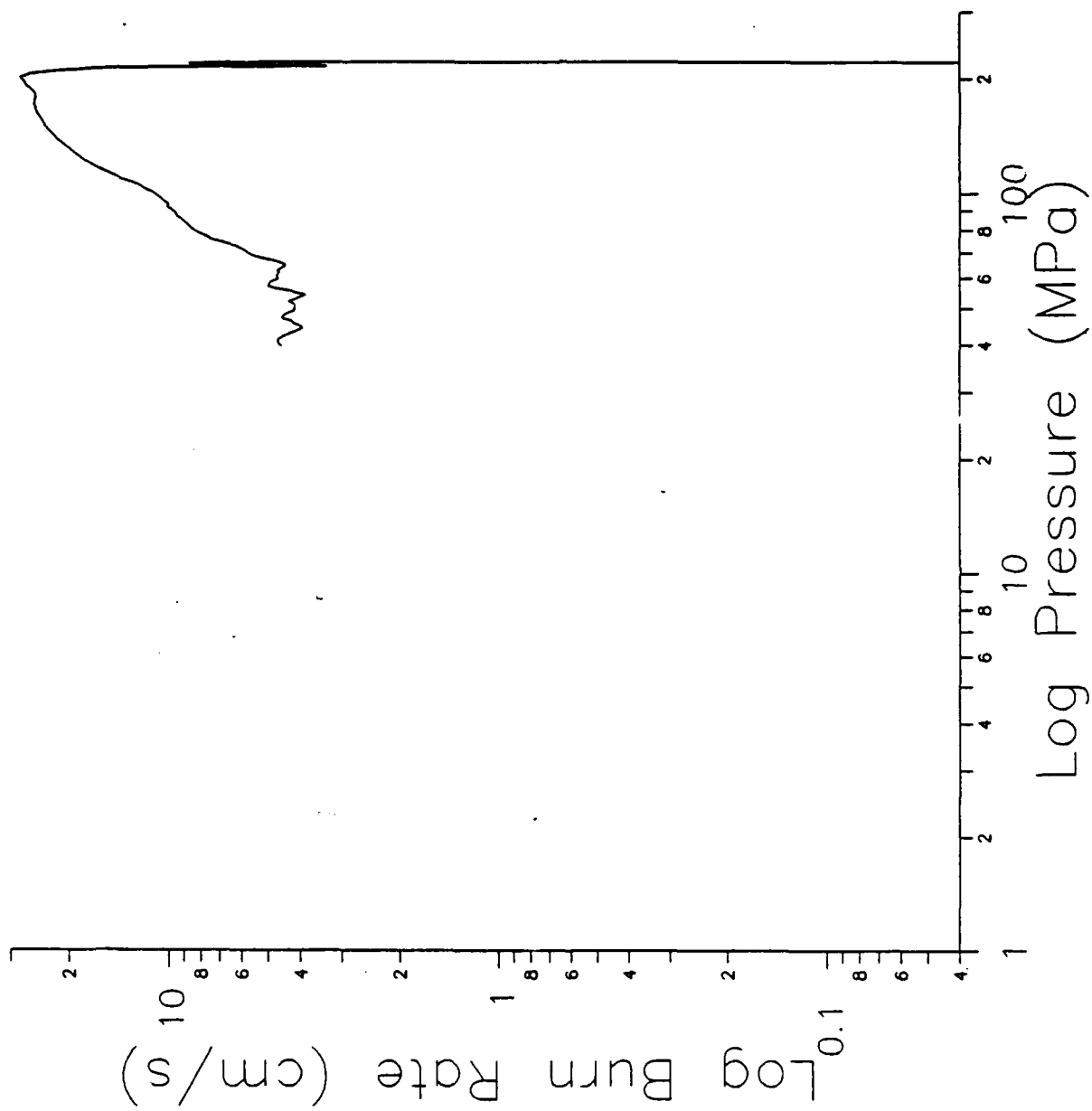


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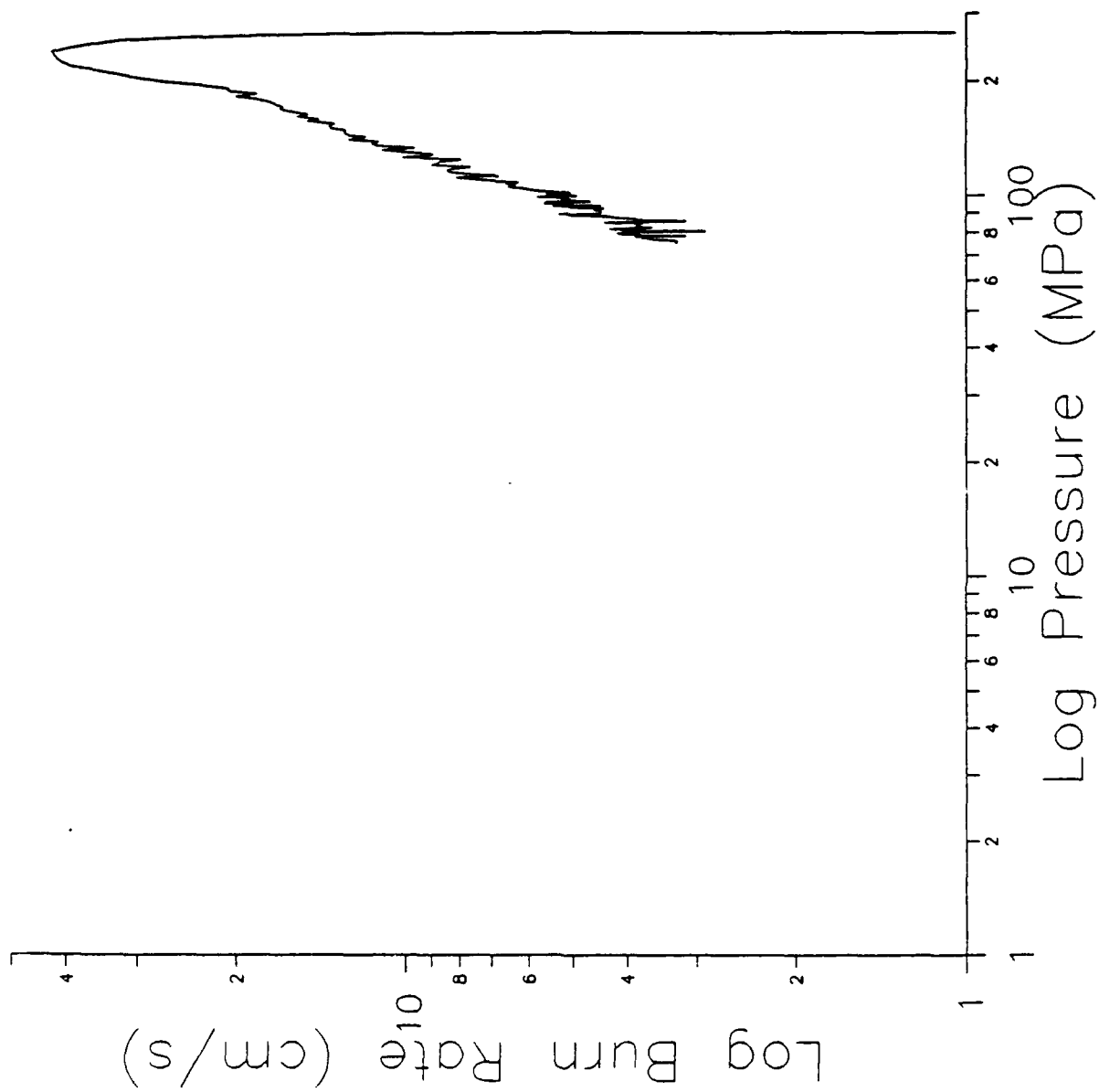


Figure B-16. Log Burn Rate vs. Log Pressure, Shot 16.

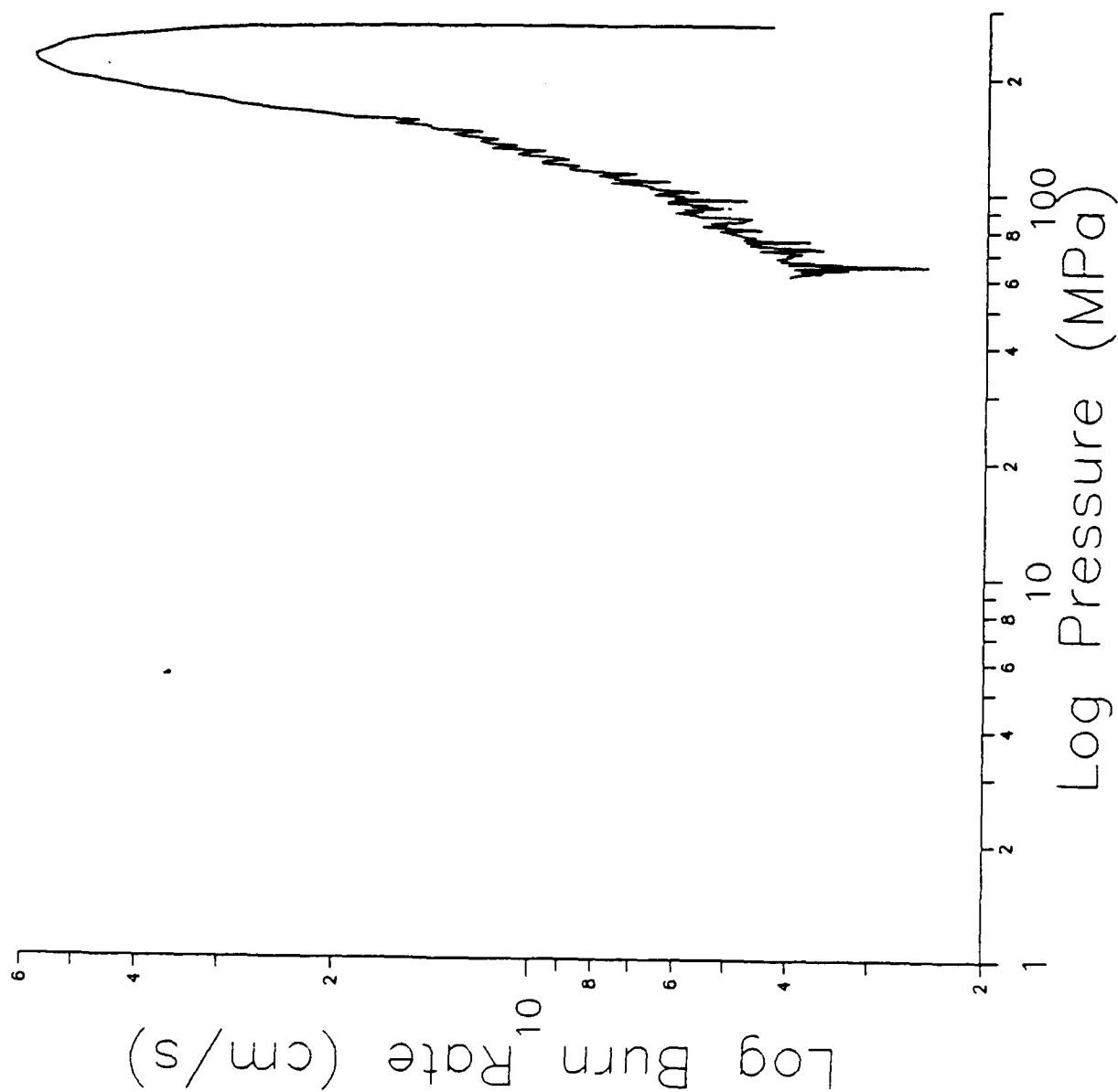


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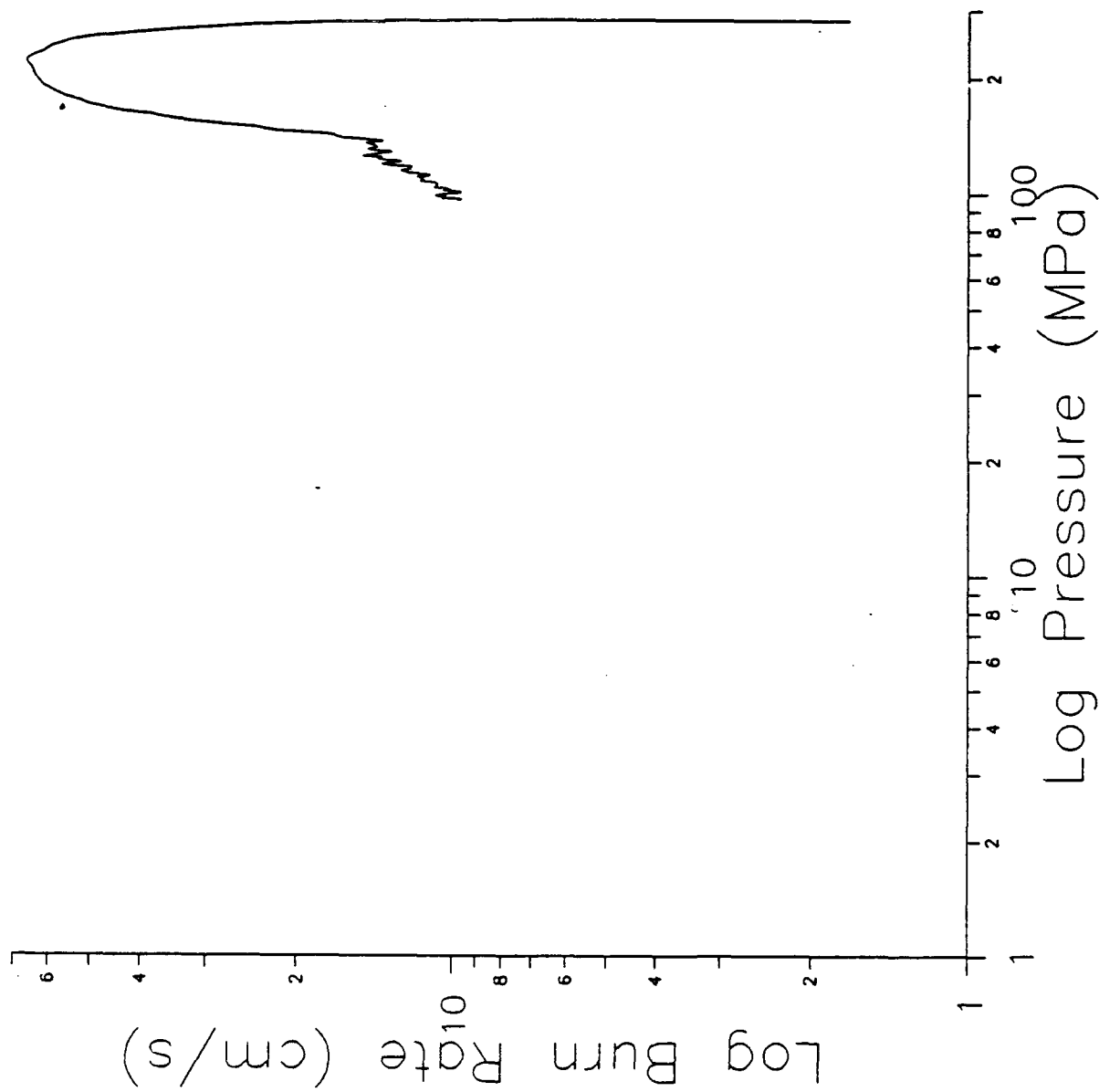


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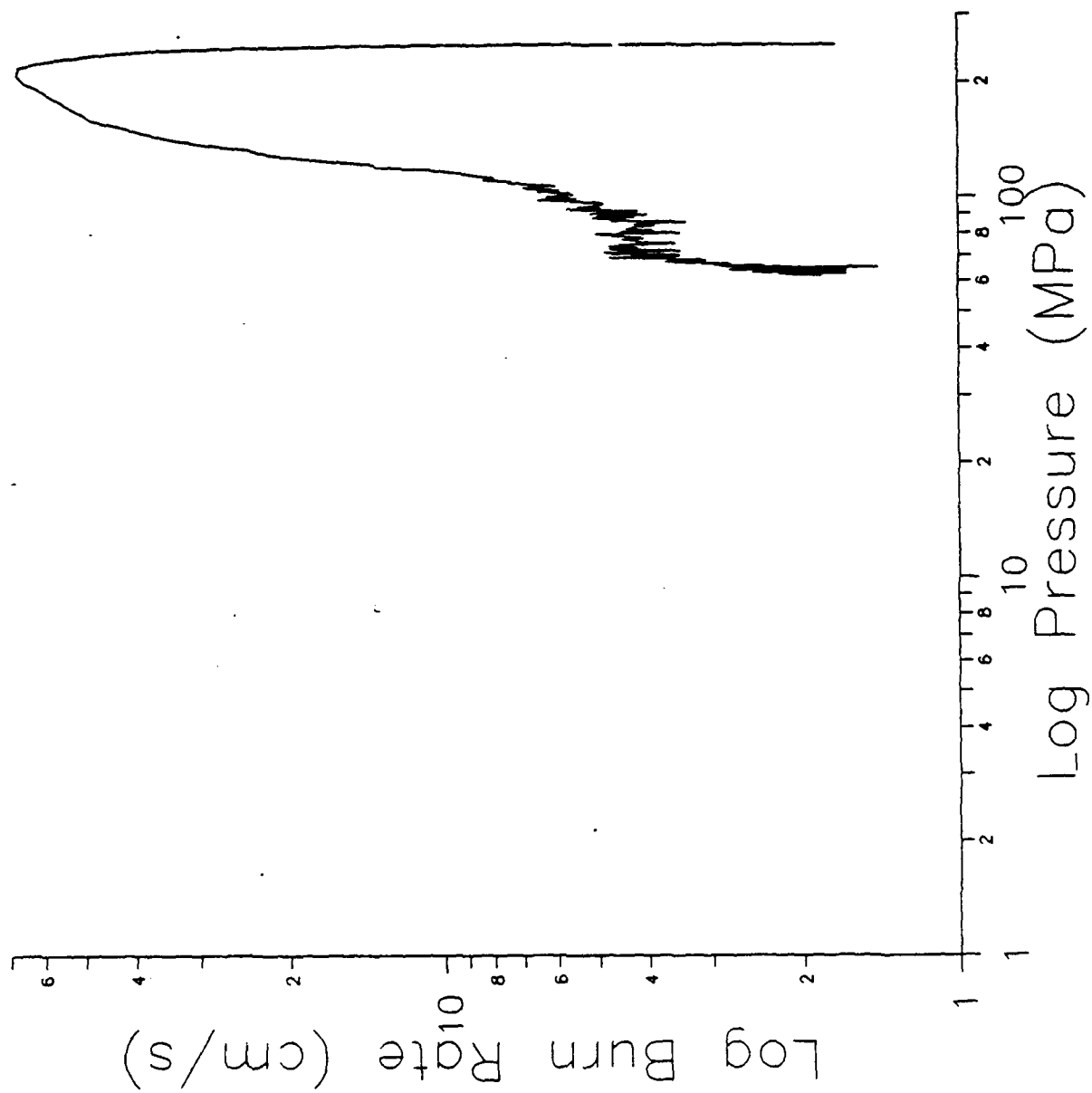


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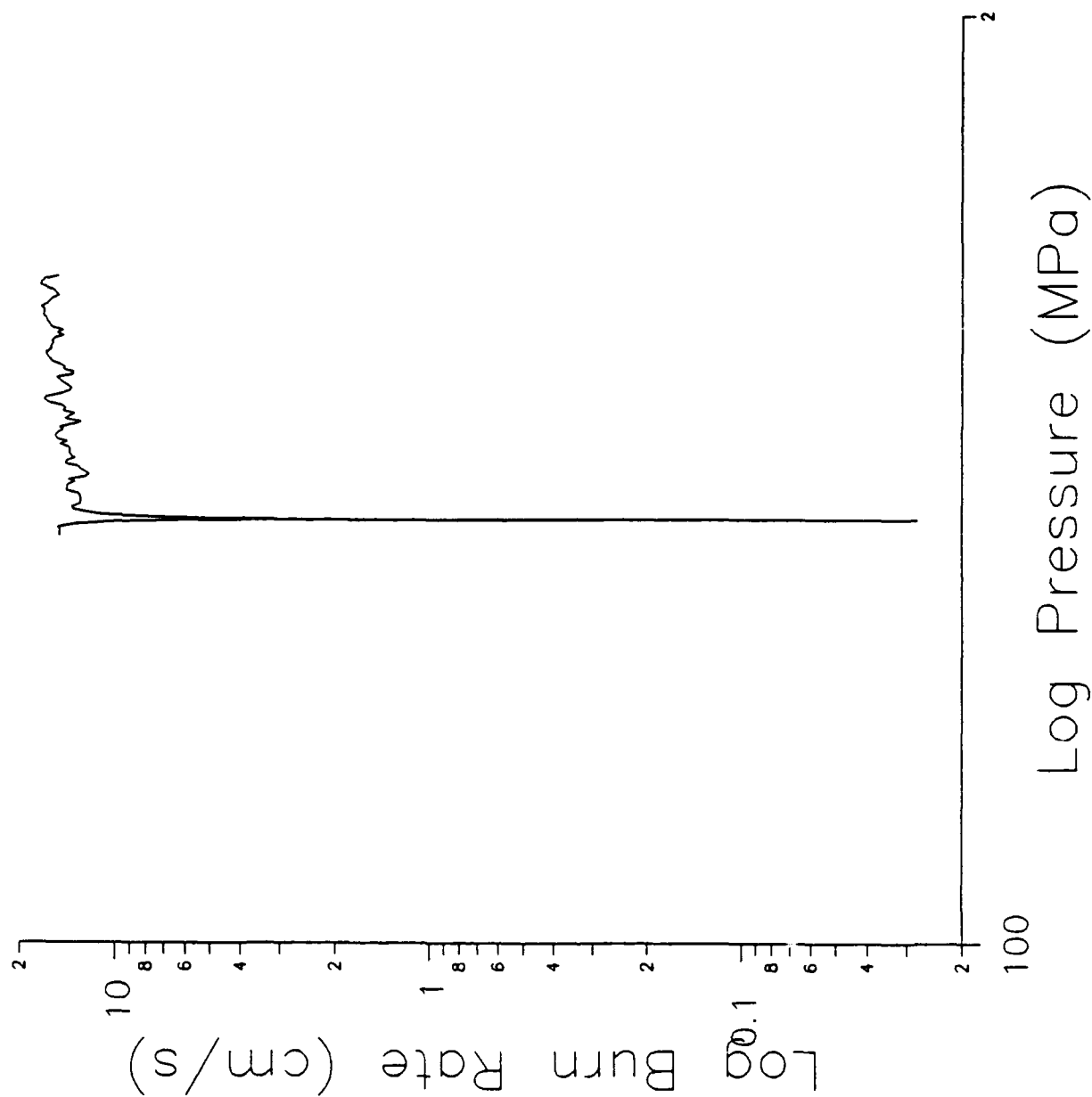


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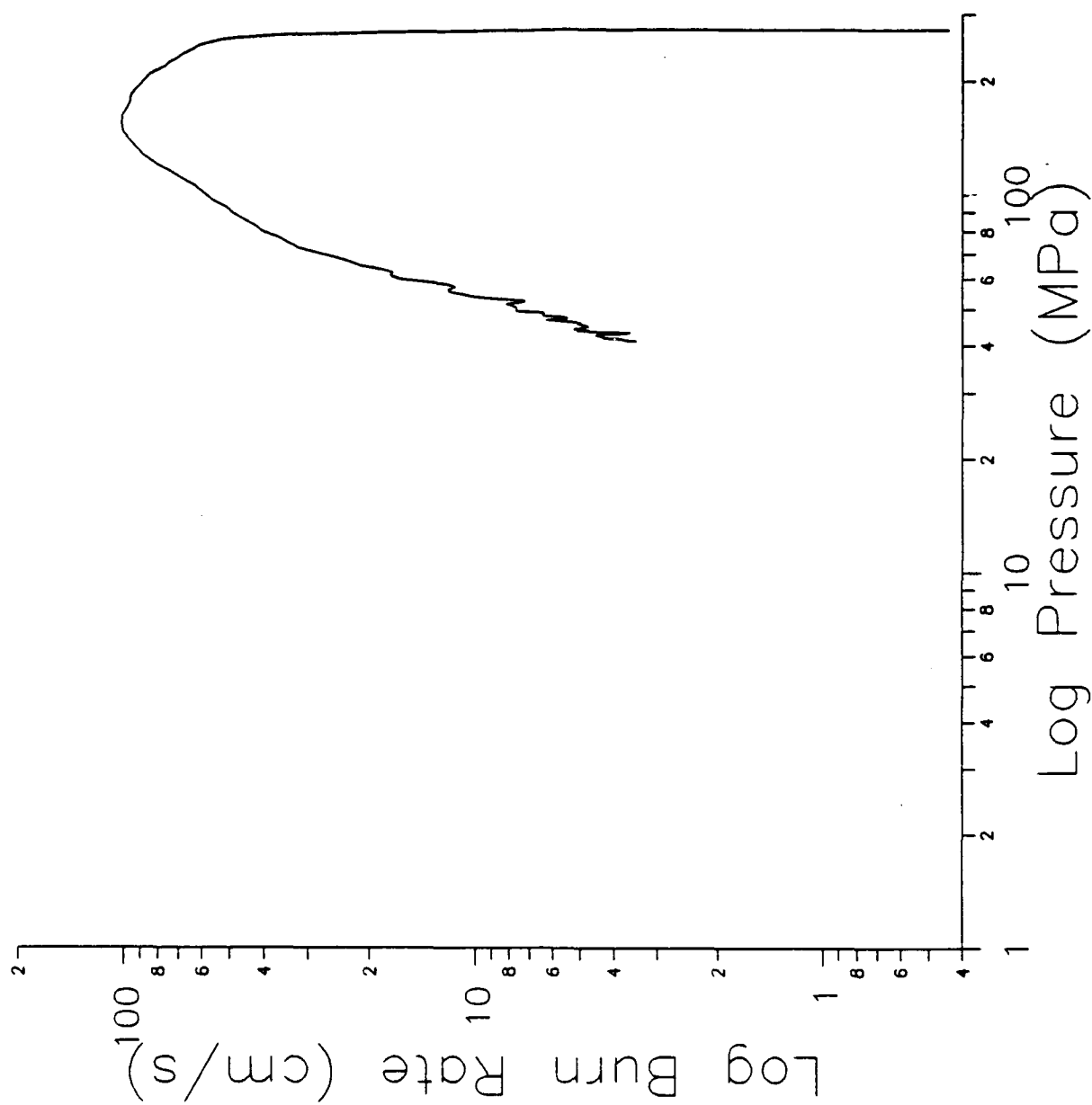


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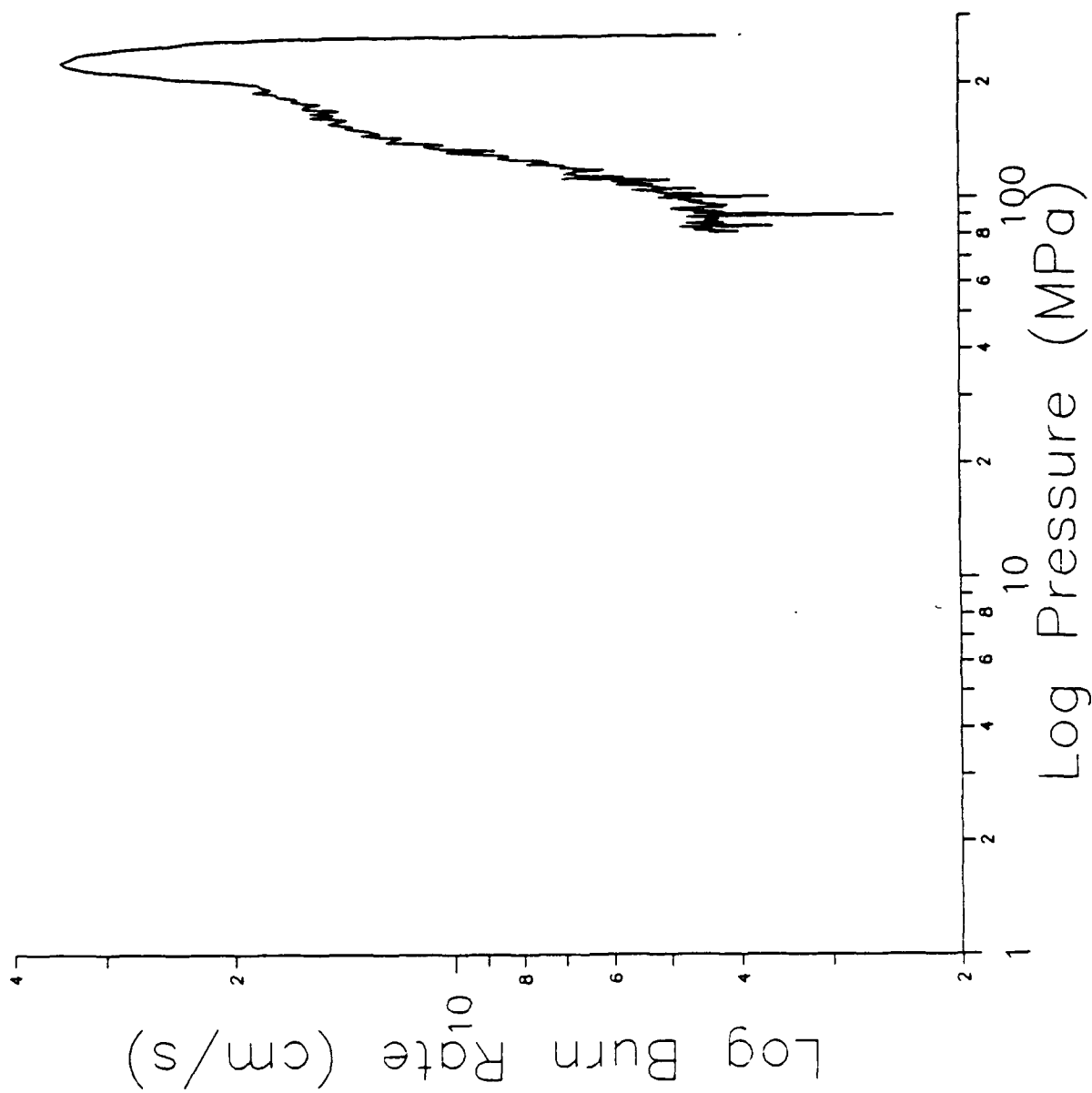


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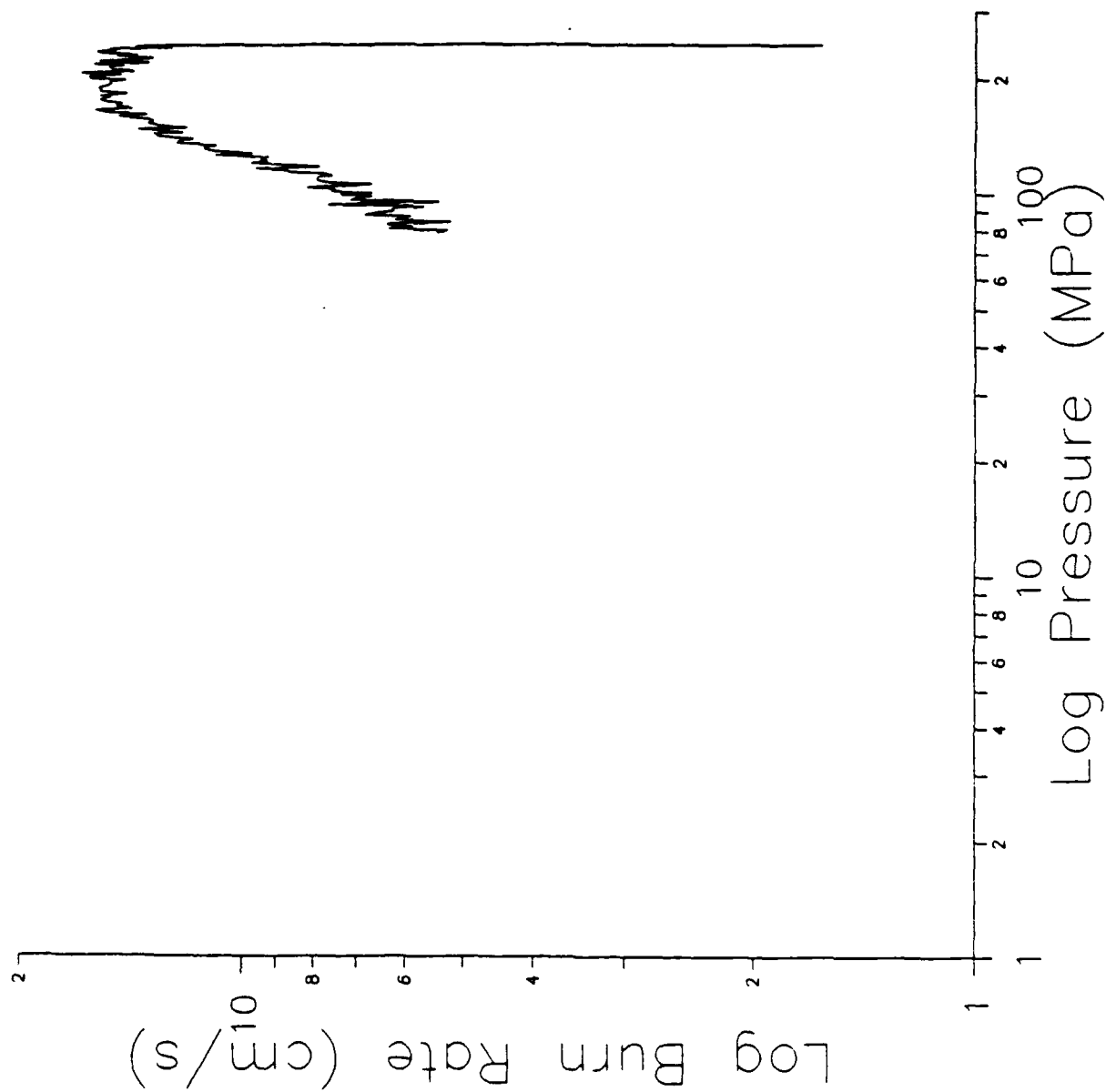


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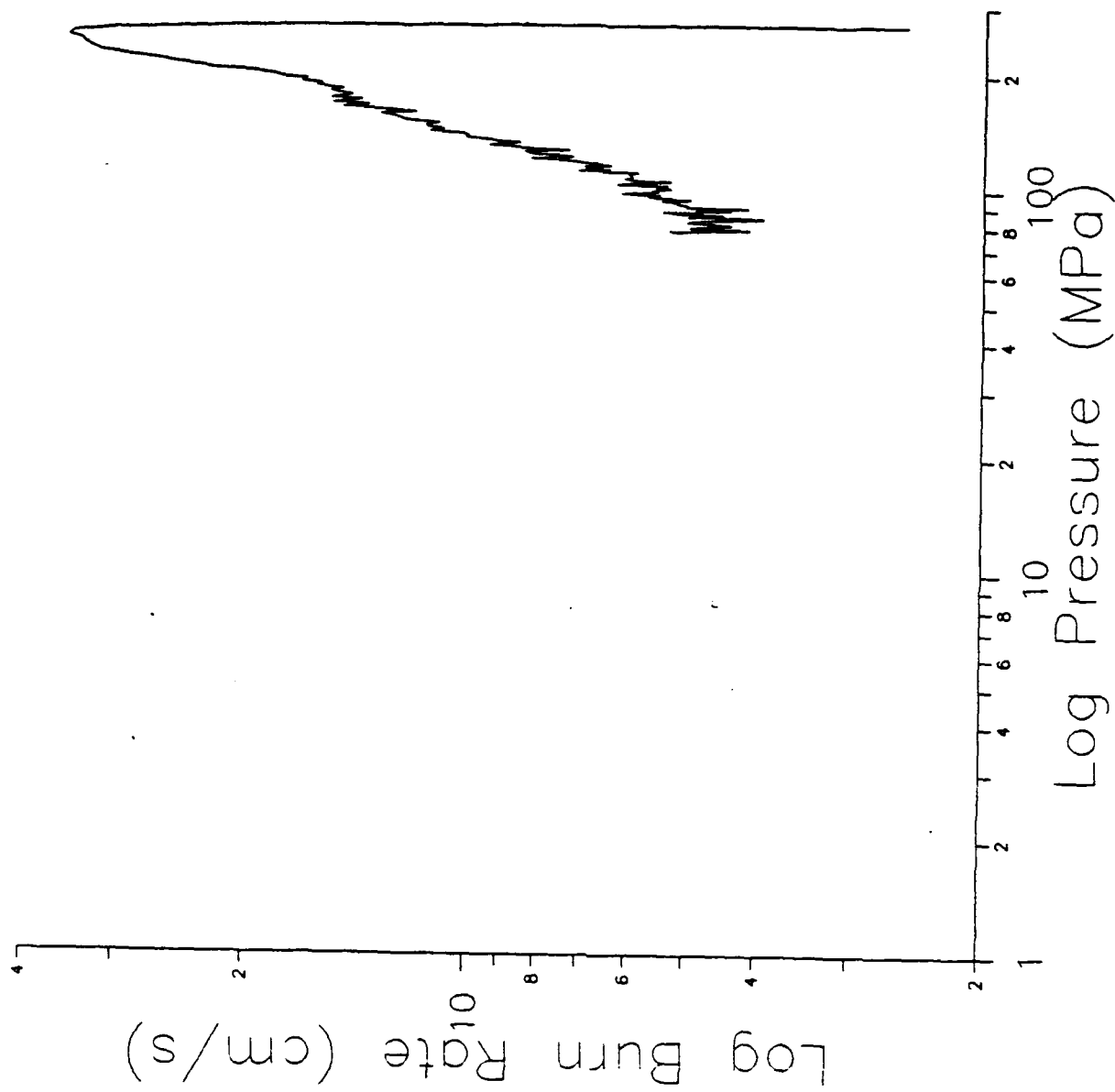


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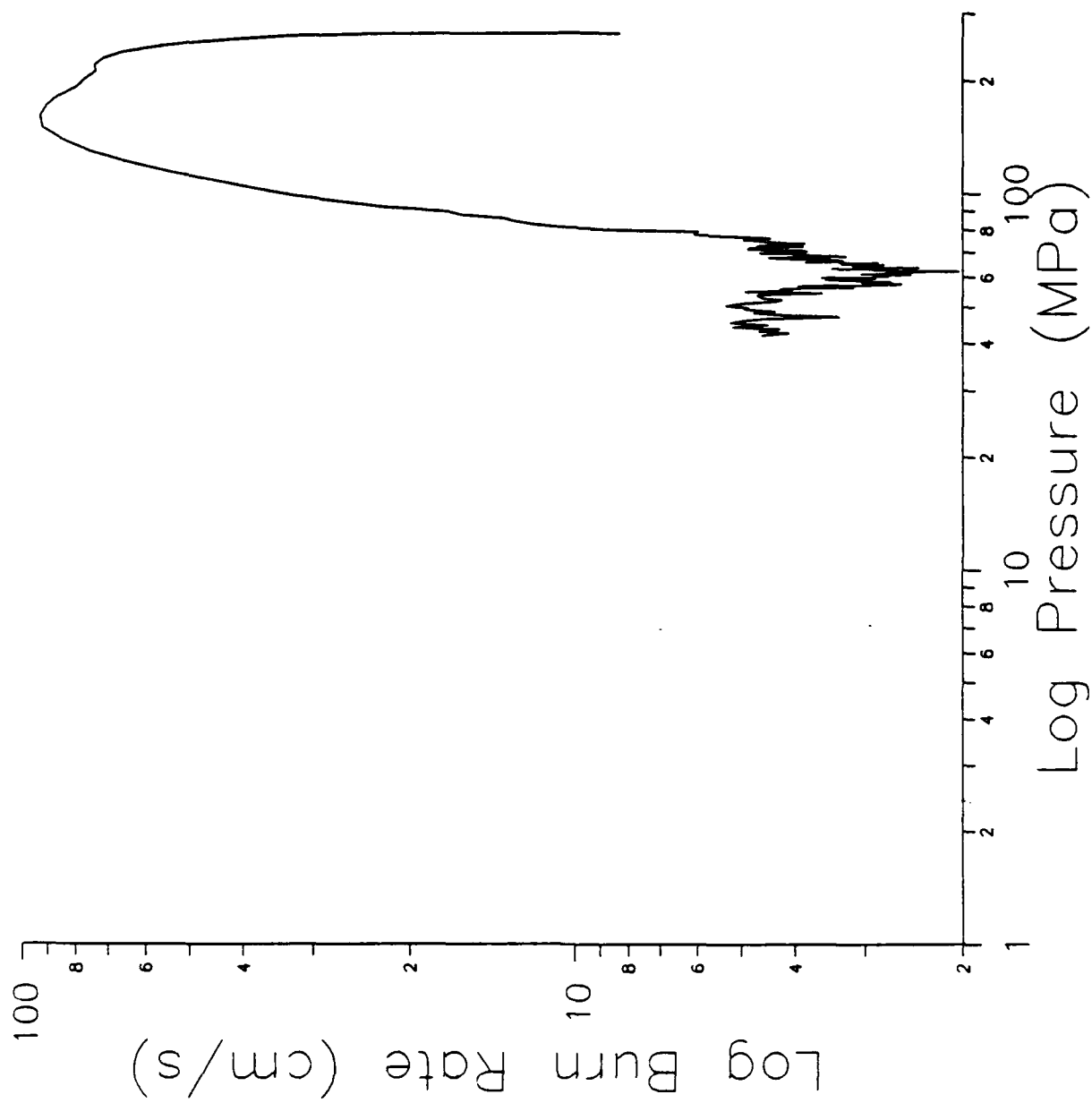


Figure B-25. Log Burn Rate vs. Log Pressure, Shot 25.

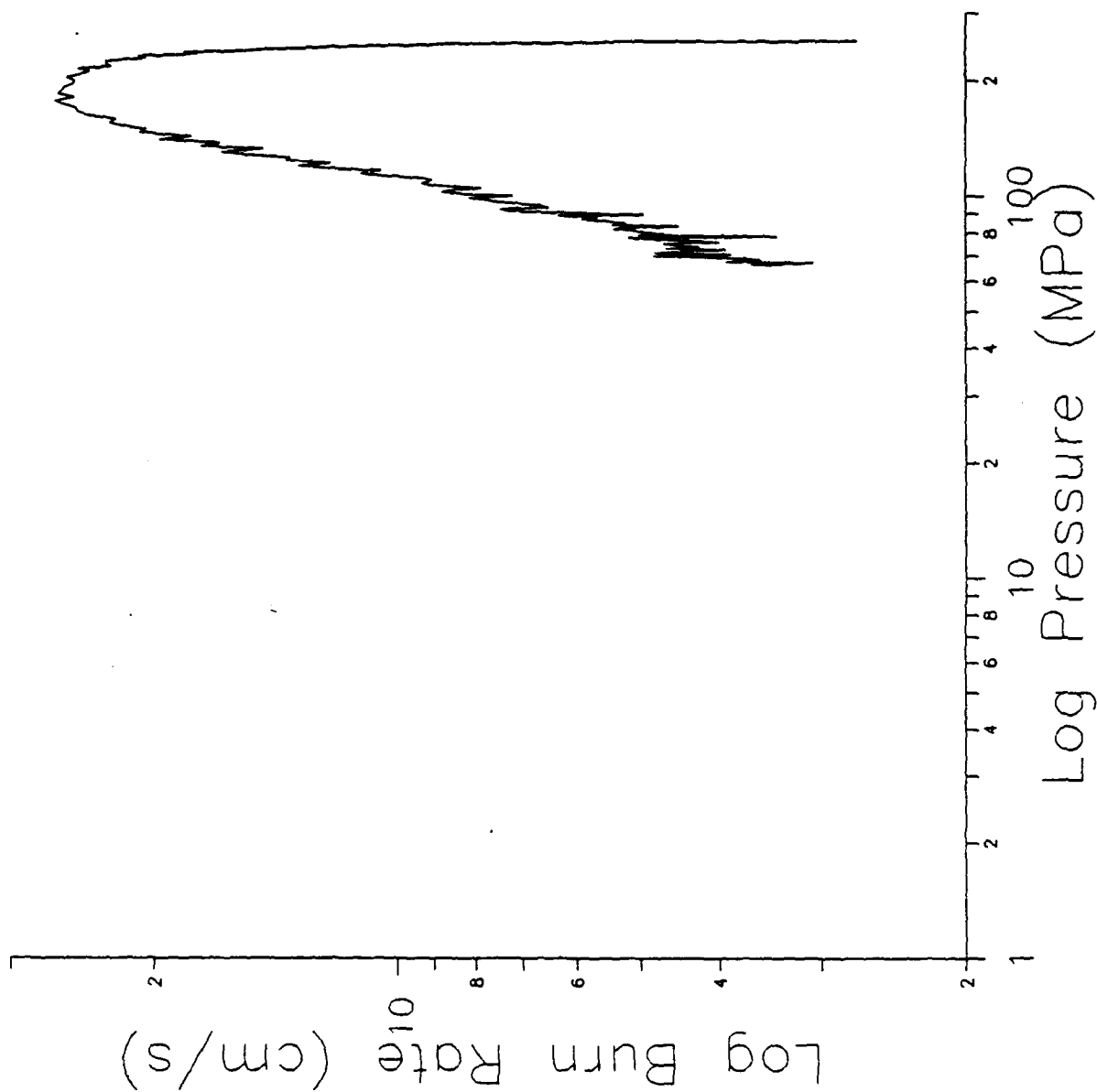


Figure B-26. Log Burn Rate vs. Log Pressure, Shot 26.

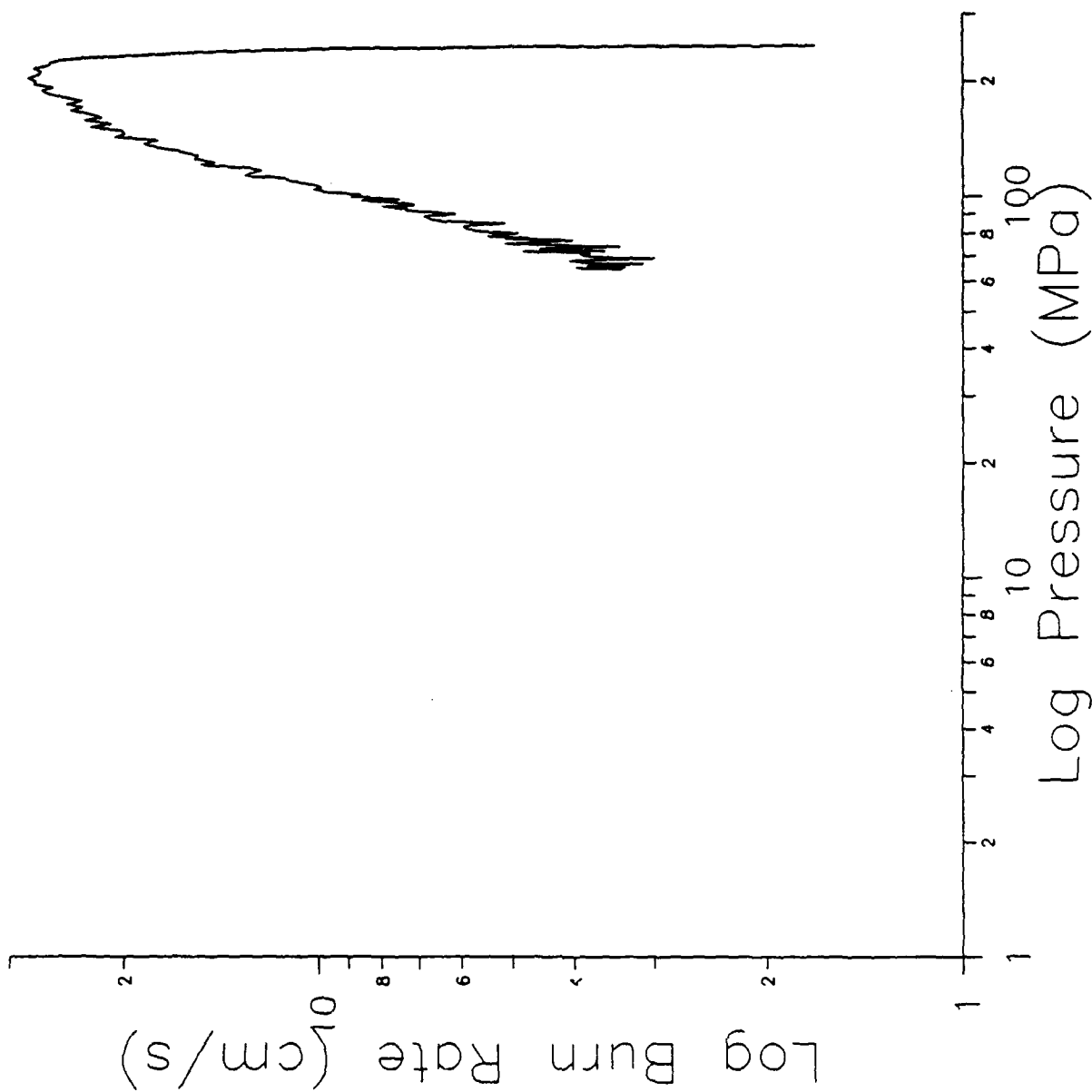


Figure B-27. Log Burn Rate vs. Log Pressure, Shot 27.

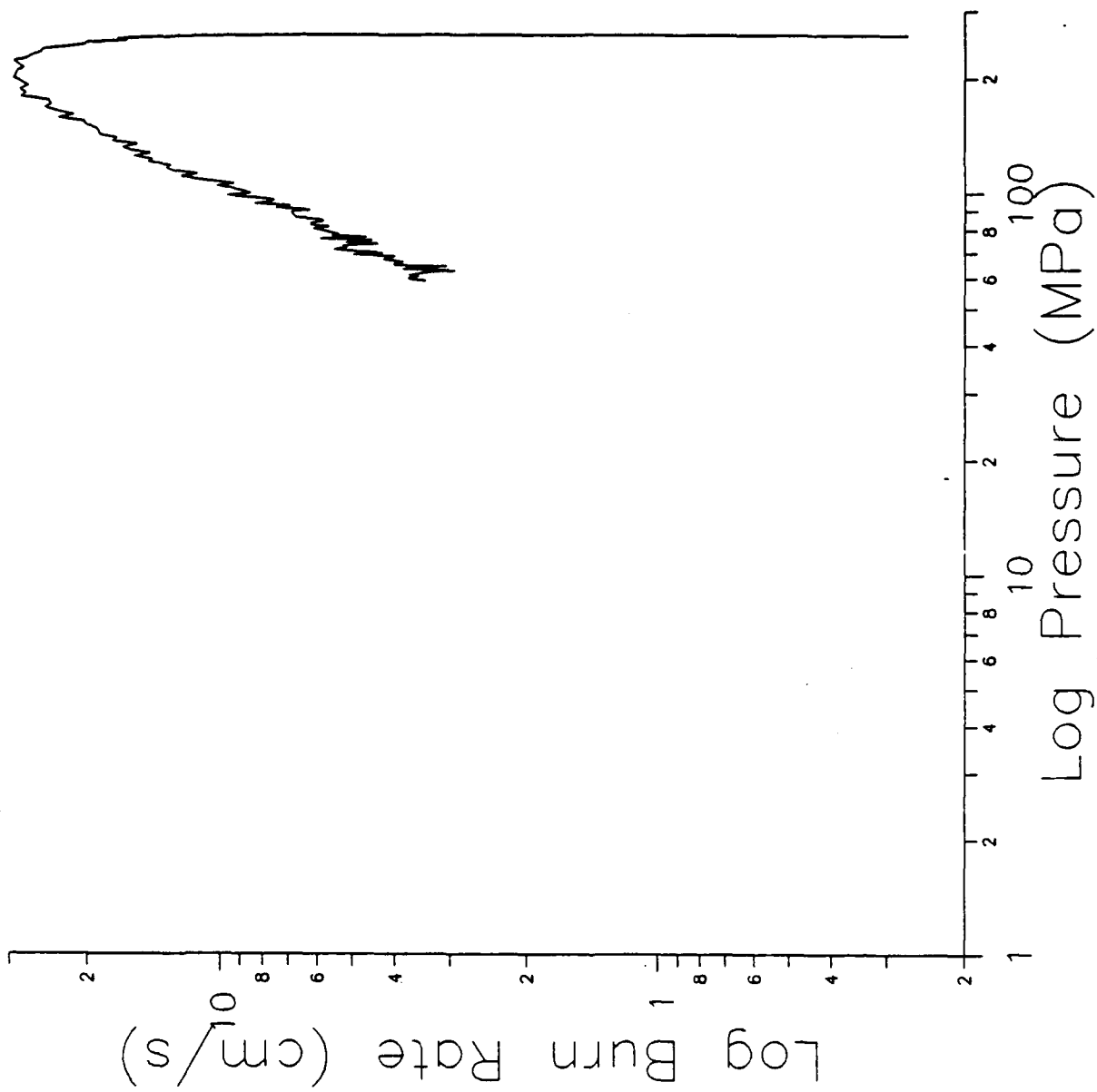


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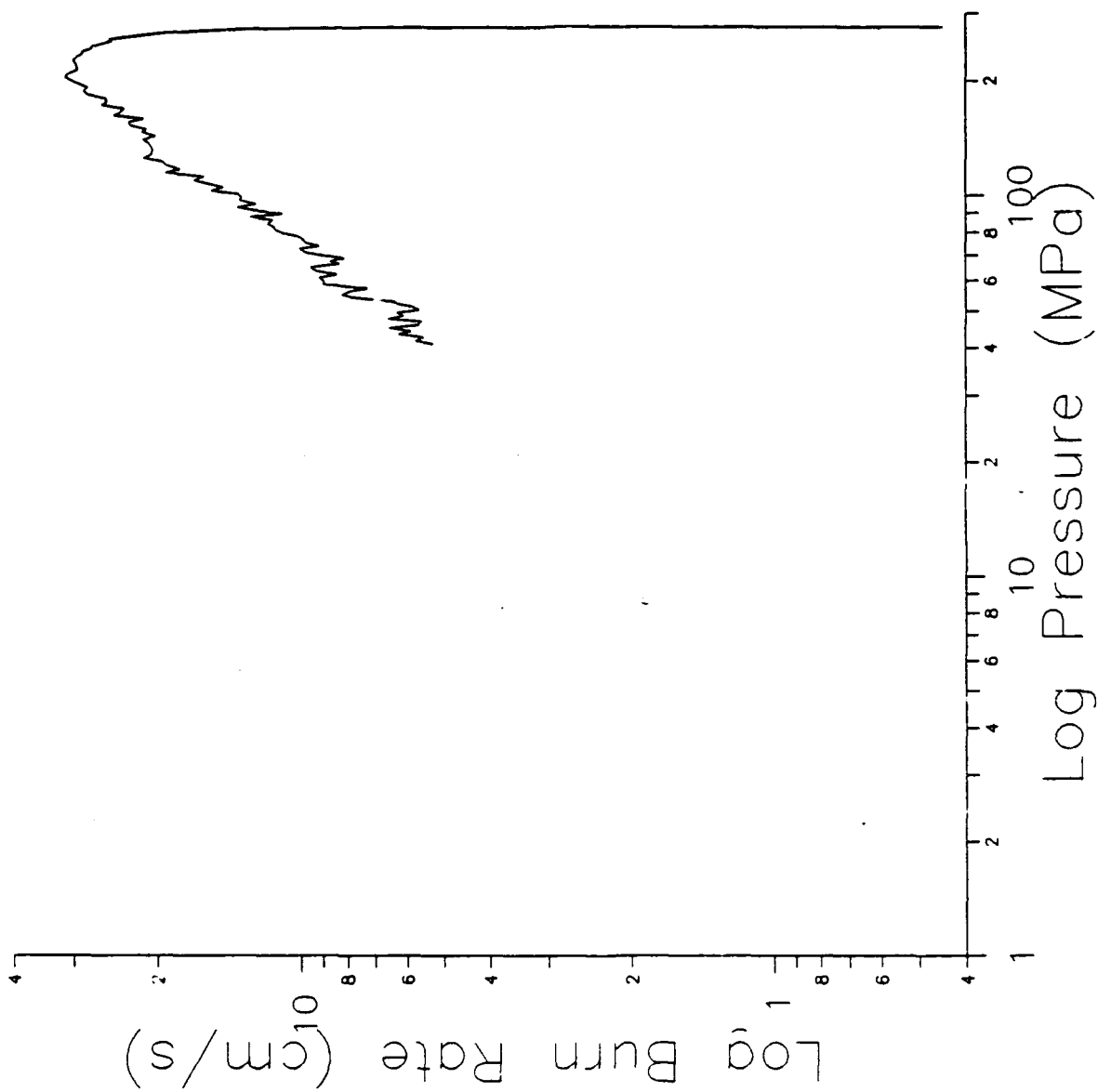


Figure B-29. Log Burn Rate vs. Log Pressure, Shot 29.



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**APPENDIX C:**  
**TABULAR BURN RATES**

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**BURNING RATE ANALYSIS  
BRLCB V1.0  
ADVANCED BALLISTIC CONCEPTS BRANCH - BRL**

Project: Liquid Propellant  
Data File: e:lp25.INF  
Fired on:  
Reduced on:

Requested by: William Oberle  
Created From .MAS File: lpcold.MAS  
By:  
By:

**Igniter Information**

The Igniter Used Is: IMR 4350      Lot: Unknown  
The Source or the Igniter Is: LP Team

**Igniter Thermochemical Properties**

|                              |          |                               |            |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Impetus (J/g)                | : 994.1  | Molecular Weight              | : 23.78800 |
| Flame Temperature (K)        | : 2844.0 | Covolume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) | : 1.03685  |
| Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | : .94500 | Gamma                         | : 1.24560  |

**Propellant Information**

The Propellant Used Is: LP1846      Lot: 1846-05  
The Source for the Propellant Is: LP Team

**Propellant Thermochemical Properties**

|                              |           |                               |            |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Impetus (J/g)                | : 900.2   | Molecular Weight              | : 22.84900 |
| Flame Temperature (K)        | : 2578.0  | Covolume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) | : .66700   |
| Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | : 1.45200 | Gamma                         | : 1.22210  |

**Propellant Grain Geometry**

Grain Type: Cigarette

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Length      | (cm): 2.742211 |
| Outer Diam. | (cm): 2.700020 |
| Perf Diam.  | (cm): .000000  |
| Inner Web   | (cm): .000000  |
| Outer Web   | (cm): .000000  |

**Bomb Information**

Bomb Type: Closed Chamber  
Bomb Vol. (cm<sup>3</sup>): 73.0

**Gage Information**

Gage I.D.: C11281  
Input Voltage: 4.5850  
Constants for Fit:  $A+Bx+C^2$   
A: .30451E+00  
B: .53151E-01  
C: -.10918E-06

**Temperature and Charge Mass Information**

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Propellant Mass (g): 22.8008      | Igniter Mass (g): 2.8118       |
| Initial Temp. Prop. (K): 294      | Initial Temp. Igniter (K): 294 |
| Initial Bomb Temperature (K): 294 |                                |

**Table C-1. Burn Rate (cm/s) vs. Pressure (MPa) for Shot 16, Ambient Temperature**

| <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 76.000          | 3.665       | 140.000         | 12.586      | 204.000         | 29.983      |
| 80.000          | 3.373       | 144.000         | 12.700      | 208.000         | 32.750      |
| 84.000          | 4.042       | 148.000         | 12.395      | 212.000         | 35.016      |
| 88.000          | 4.491       | 152.000         | 13.287      | 216.000         | 38.338      |
| 92.000          | 4.514       | 156.000         | 14.383      | 220.000         | 41.238      |
| 96.000          | 5.109       | 160.000         | 15.627      | 224.000         | 41.074      |
| 100.000         | 5.213       | 164.000         | 15.754      | 228.000         | 41.761      |
| 104.000         | 6.011       | 168.000         | 16.039      | 232.000         | 40.879      |
| 108.000         | 6.138       | 172.000         | 17.344      | 236.000         | 42.440      |
| 112.000         | 6.588       | 176.000         | 18.426      | 240.000         | 40.539      |
| 116.000         | 8.206       | 180.000         | 18.391      | 244.000         | 38.900      |
| 120.000         | 8.337       | 184.000         | 18.355      | 248.000         | 35.107      |
| 124.000         | 8.884       | 188.000         | 20.524      | 252.000         | 32.444      |
| 128.000         | 8.975       | 192.000         | 23.137      | 256.000         | 27.466      |
| 132.000         | 9.752       | 196.000         | 25.089      | 260.000         | 19.411      |
| 136.000         | 11.246      | 200.000         | 27.818      | 264.000         | 11.155      |

**BURNING RATE ANALYSIS  
BRLCB V1.0  
ADVANCED BALLISTIC CONCEPTS BRANCH - BRL**

**Project:** Liquid Propellant  
**Data File:** e:lp32.INF  
**Fired on:** 23 May 90  
**Reduced on:** 9 June 90  
**Reduction Remarks:**

**Requested by:** William Oberle  
**Created From .MAS File:** lpcold.MAS  
**By:** Newberry & Aungst  
**By:** William Oberle

Conditioned to 244 K for 60 min.

**Igniter Information**

**The Igniter Used Is:** IMR 4350      **Lot:** Unknown  
**The Source for the Igniter Is:** LP Team

**Igniter Thermochemical Properties**

|                                   |          |               |                                    |          |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Impetus (J/g)</b>              | <b>:</b> | <b>994.1</b>  | <b>Molecular Weight</b>            | <b>:</b> | <b>23.78800</b> |
| <b>Flame Temperature (K)</b>      | <b>:</b> | <b>2844.0</b> | <b>Covolume (cm<sup>3</sup>/g)</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>1.03685</b>  |
| <b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>.94500</b> | <b>Gamma</b>                       | <b>:</b> | <b>1.24560</b>  |

**Propellant Information**

**The Propellant Used Is:** LP1846      **Lot:** 1846-05  
**The Source for the Propellant Is:** LP Team

**Propellant Thermochemical Properties**

|                                   |          |                |                                    |          |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Impetus (J/g)</b>              | <b>:</b> | <b>900.2</b>   | <b>Molecular Weight</b>            | <b>:</b> | <b>22.84900</b> |
| <b>Flame Temperature (K)</b>      | <b>:</b> | <b>2578.0</b>  | <b>Covolume (cm<sup>3</sup>/g)</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>.66700</b>   |
| <b>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>1.45200</b> | <b>Gamma</b>                       | <b>:</b> | <b>1.22210</b>  |

**Propellant Grain Geometry**

**Grain Type:** Cigarette

**Length (cm):** 2.742211  
**Outer Diam. (cm):** 2.700020  
**Perf Diam. (cm):** .000000  
**Inner Web (cm):** .000000  
**Outer Web (cm):** .000000

**Bomb Information**

**Bomb Type:** Closed Chamber  
**Bomb Vol. (cm<sup>3</sup>):** 73.0

**Gage Information**

**Gage I.D.:** C11632  
**Input Voltage:** 4.8530  
**Constants for Fit: A+Bx+C<sup>2</sup>**  
**A:** .12701E+01  
**B:** .52094E-01  
**C:** -.16385E-06

**Temperature and Charge Mass Information**

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Propellant Mass (g):</b> 22.8008      | <b>Igniter Mass (g):</b> 2.8123       |
| <b>Initial Temp. Prop. (K):</b> 244      | <b>Initial Temp. Igniter (K):</b> 294 |
| <b>Initial Bomb Temperature (K):</b> 294 |                                       |

**Table C-2. Burn Rate (cm/s) vs. Pressure (MPa) for Shot 23, Conditioned Cold**

| <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 80.000          | 5.300       | 136.000         | 11.665      | 192.000         | 15.574      |
| 84.000          | 6.239       | 140.000         | 13.061      | 196.000         | 14.069      |
| 88.000          | 6.076       | 144.000         | 13.400      | 200.000         | 15.735      |
| 92.000          | 7.043       | 148.000         | 12.147      | 204.000         | 16.478      |
| 96.000          | 6.984       | 152.000         | 14.174      | 208.000         | 14.860      |
| 100.000         | 7.481       | 156.000         | 14.675      | 212.000         | 14.053      |
| 104.000         | 7.797       | 160.000         | 13.605      | 216.000         | 14.670      |
| 108.000         | 7.968       | 164.000         | 14.401      | 220.000         | 14.607      |
| 112.000         | 7.461       | 168.000         | 15.101      | 224.000         | 14.462      |
| 116.000         | 8.726       | 172.000         | 15.589      | 228.000         | 14.575      |
| 120.000         | 10.230      | 176.000         | 16.065      | 232.000         | 14.692      |
| 124.000         | 9.899       | 180.000         | 14.448      | 236.000         | 14.734      |
| 128.000         | 10.822      | 184.000         | 15.789      | 240.000         | 13.385      |
| 132.000         | 11.034      | 188.000         | 15.507      | 244.000         | 5.434       |

**BURNING RATE ANALYSIS  
BRLCB V1.0  
ADVANCED BALLISTIC CONCEPTS BRANCH - BRL**

**Project:** Liquid Propellant

**Data File:** e:lp35.INF

**Fired on:** 30 May 90

**Reduced on:** 8 June 90

**Reduction Remarks:**

Conditioned to 140° F for 120 min.

**Requested by:** William Oberie

**Created From .MAS File:** lphot.MAS

**By:** Newberry & Aungst

**By:** William Oberie

**Igniter Information**

**The Igniter Used Is:** IMR 4350

**Lot:** Unknown

**The Source for the Igniter Is:** LP Team

**Igniter Thermochemical Properties**

**Impetus (J/g) :** 994.1

**Molecular Weight :** 23.78800

**Flame Temperature (K) :** 2844.0

**Covolume (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) :** 1.03685

**Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) :** .94500

**Gamma :** 1.24560

**Propellant Information**

**The Propellant Used Is:** LP1846

**Lot:** 1846-05

**The Source for the Propellant Is:** LP Team

**Propellant Thermochemical Properties**

**Impetus (J/g) :** 900.2

**Molecular Weight :** 22.84900

**Flame Temperature (K) :** 2578.0

**Covolume (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) :** .66700

**Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) :** 1.45200

**Gamma :** 1.22210

**Propellant Grain Geometry**

**Grain Type:** Cigarette

**Length (cm):** 2.742211

**Outer Diam. (cm):** 2.700020

**Perf Diam. (cm):** .000000

**Inner Web (cm):** .000000

**Outer Web (cm):** .000000

**Bomb Information**

**Bomb Type:** Closed Chamber

**Bomb Vol. (cm<sup>3</sup>):** 73.0

**Gage Information**

**Gage I.D.:** C11632

**Input Voltage:** 4.8530

**Constants for Fit: A+Bx+C<sup>2</sup>**

**A:** .12701E+01

**B:** .52094E-01

**C:** -.16385E-06

**Temperature and Charge Mass Information**

**Propellant Mass (g):** 22.8008

**Igniter Mass (g):** 2.8129

**Initial Temp. Prop. (K):** 333

**Initial Temp. Igniter (K):** 294

**Initial Bomb Temperature (K):** 294



**Table C-3. Burn Rate (cm/s) vs. Pressure (MPa) for Shot 26, Conditioned Hot**

| <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Pressure</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 68.000          | 3.980       | 132.000         | 15.046      | 196.000         | 24.991      |
| 72.000          | 4.774       | 136.000         | 17.443      | 200.000         | 24.734      |
| 76.000          | 3.711       | 140.000         | 19.583      | 204.000         | 25.160      |
| 80.000          | 5.060       | 144.000         | 19.963      | 208.000         | 25.326      |
| 84.000          | 5.125       | 148.000         | 20.032      | 212.000         | 23.535      |
| 88.000          | 6.328       | 152.000         | 21.719      | 216.000         | 22.703      |
| 92.000          | 7.349       | 156.000         | 22.645      | 220.000         | 23.532      |
| 96.000          | 7.558       | 160.000         | 23.549      | 224.000         | 22.995      |
| 100.000         | 7.241       | 164.000         | 23.823      | 228.000         | 20.229      |
| 104.000         | 8.638       | 168.000         | 25.126      | 232.000         | 18.232      |
| 108.000         | 9.007       | 172.000         | 25.579      | 236.000         | 17.738      |
| 112.000         | 10.097      | 176.000         | 25.632      | 240.000         | 14.586      |
| 116.000         | 10.879      | 180.000         | 24.619      | 244.000         | 11.791      |
| 120.000         | 12.957      | 184.000         | 26.176      | 248.000         | 8.411       |
| 124.000         | 14.004      | 188.000         | 25.779      | 252.000         | 5.383       |
| 128.000         | 15.537      | 192.000         | 26.077      |                 |             |

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